

Near Disaster



2 scaffold workers rescued from outside high-rise's 45th floor

One of two window washers rescued from a collapsed scaffolding near the top of the 600-foot-high Hearst skyscraper, located in midtown Manhattan, climbs through an opening in the glass to the safety of the building after he and a coworker were rescued by firefighters in New York, Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

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NEW YORK - Two scaffold maintenance workers who were stranded nearly 500 feet above the streets of Midtown Manhattan for nearly two hours after the platform they were working on snapped were rescued Wednesday by New York

City firefighters. The platform, connected to scaffolding, seemed to have snapped in the middle, although it was not immediately clear what caused it to malfunction. The accident was first reported at 2:39 p.m. at the Hearst Tower on Eighth Avenue

between 57th and 58th Streets and the men were brought to safety around 4:15 p.m., fire officials said. Rescue workers broke out a window on the 45th floor, two stories below the roof, in order to reach the workers. The maintenance workers, both men, were wear-

ing harnesses at the time of the accident, and firefighters lowered an extra set of harnesses to them. Chief William Seelig of the Fire Department said they decided that knocking out the window was safer than trying to hoist the men up onto the roof. The dramatic

rescue was broadcast live on several local television networks, which showed the stranded men trying to remain as still as possible before pulled to safety and a large crowd gathered on the streets below before being pushed back by the police. □

NSA grilled by Congress over surveillance program

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The director of the National Security Agency vigorously defended once-secret surveillance programs as an effective tool in keeping America safe, telling Congress on Wednesday that the information collected disrupted dozens of terrorist attacks without offering details. In his first congressional tes-

timony since revelations about the top-secret operations, Army Gen. Keith Alexander insisted that the public needs to know more about how the programs operate amid increasing unease about rampant government snooping and fears that Americans' civil liberties are being trampled. "I do think it's important that we get this right and I want the American people to know that we're trying to

be transparent here, protect civil liberties and privacy but also the security of this country," Alexander told a Senate panel. He described the steps the government takes once it suspects a terrorist organization is about to act — all within the laws approved by Congress and under stringent oversight from the courts. He said the programs led to "disrupting or contributing to the disruption of terror-

ist attacks," but he did not give details on the terror plots. Half a world away, Edward Snowden, the former contractor who fled to Hong Kong and leaked documents about the programs, said he would fight any U.S. attempts to extradite him. American law enforcement officials are building a case against him but have yet to bring charges. "I am not here to hide from justice; I am here to reveal

criminality," Snowden said of the surveillance programs in an interview with the South China Morning Post. In plain-spoken, measured tones, Alexander answered senators' questions in an open session and promised to provide additional information to the Senate Intelligence Committee in closed session on Thursday.

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To end protests: Turkey says open to referendum

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ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey's government on Wednesday offered a first concrete gesture aimed at ending nearly two weeks of street protests, proposing a referendum on a development project in Istanbul that triggered demonstrations that have become the biggest challenge to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's 10-year tenure. Despite the offer, protesters continued to converge on Istanbul's Taksim Square, the epicenter of repeated clashes between riot police firing tear gas, water can-

that the prime minister would soften his stance. After the meeting, a spokesman for Erdogan's Islamic-rooted party announced the referendum proposal at a news conference. In a more defiant note, Justice and Development party spokesman Huseyin Celik said the ongoing sit-in in Gezi Park, next to the square, would not be allowed to continue "until doomsday" — in a sign that authorities' patience is running out. But Celik also quoted Erdogan as telling the activists he met that police would be investigated and any

down. Erdogan has become the centerpiece of the protesters' ire over his alleged authoritarian streak. So a referendum would be a political gamble that the government would win the vote and the demonstrators would go home. "The most concrete result of the meeting was this: we can take this issue to the people of Istanbul in a referendum. We can ask the people of Istanbul if they want it (the barracks)," Celik said. "We will ask them: 'Do you accept what's going on, do you want it or not?'" In a sign of the protesters'



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, background centre, and some of his ministers and advisors meet with a group of activists in his offices at his Justice and Development Party in Ankara, Turkey, Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

(AP Photo/Kayhan Ozer)

nons and rubber bullets, and stone-throwing youths for 13 days — an early sign that the proposal hadn't defused the demonstrators' concerns. Word of such a referendum came after Erdogan hosted talks with a small group of activists. Many civil society groups behind the protests boycotted those talks in the capital, Ankara, saying they weren't invited and that the attendees didn't represent them. The discussion was the first sign that Erdogan was looking for an exit from the showdown, and came hours after some European leaders expressed concern about strong-arm Turkish police tactics and hopes

found to have used excessive force against protesters would be punished. The protests erupted May 31 after a violent police crackdown on a peaceful sit-in by activists objecting to a development project replacing Gezi Park with a replica Ottoman-era barracks. They then spread to dozens of cities, and have attracted tens of thousands of people each night. The proposed referendum would be over the development project, Celik said. But he said it would exclude the planned demolition of a cultural center that the protesters also oppose. Celik said the center was in an earthquake-prone area and needed to come

suspicion about Erdogan, several in Gezi Park said they thought the government would rig the referendum's result — or balk at holding it at all. "I don't think anything changed with that," said protester Hatice Yamak, of the referendum plan. "We don't think he will do it — I think he's lying." Across Turkey, thousands of demonstrators have been mobilizing nearly every night — mostly in Istanbul in recent days. As if to let the referendum proposal sink in, the Istanbul governor, Huseyin Avni Mutlu, tweeted that riot police would not enter Gezi Park on Wednesday. □

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Video captures brutal Mexico mob killing

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police in southern Mexico are investigating how vendors in local markets obtained a grisly video that shows a mob beating and burning to death three suspected rapists. A voice is heard on the video saying "Gasoline on everything!" and then the tape shows a man in flames, tied to a tree, writhing as he apparently burns. Tapes of the attack were being sold in markets for about \$1.50 apiece. The Chiapas state AG's office said Wednesday all three men died. It is investigating both the mob attack and the sale of the video. Voices on the tape allege the men were caught dumping the body of an Indian woman they raped and killed. □

Britain officially reopens embassy in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Britain reopened its embassy in Haiti on Wednesday after being absent for nearly a half century, a part of an effort to broaden its diplomatic and business presence in the Western Hemisphere. The new two-person mission will be housed at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince. Visiting British Foreign Office Minister Hugo Swire was on hand for the Wednesday ceremony in Port-au-Prince. He also met with President Michel Martelly and other Haitian officials during a two-day trip to encourage bilateral trade and investment. Haiti plans to open a diplomatic mission in Britain in September.

Brazil poll: dip in popularity for Rousseff

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff's popularity has dipped slightly but remains strong enough to get her re-elected in 2014, according to a poll released this week. The National Transport Confederation poll shows that Rousseff enjoys the support of 73.7 percent of the electorate compared to the 75.7 percent registering support in its previous poll conducted July 2012. The MDA polling institute conducted the survey for the confederation, which traditionally has sponsored these polls. The poll surveyed 2,010 people on June 1 and 5 and has a margin of error of 2.2 percentage points. □

USVI plumber accused of coercing 3 girls

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — A plumber in the U.S. Virgin Islands is being accused of using the Internet to coerce three female minors to engage in sexual activity. U.S. Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe says Tony Browne of St. Thomas has been ordered held without bail pending his hearing. He was arrested and charged this week. Documents filed in U.S. District Court allege Browne made contact with the girls on Facebook and persuaded them to send nude photos of themselves. Prosecutors say the 30-year-old man then allegedly threatened to publicize the photos if they did not have sex with him. If convicted, Browne faces a minimum penalty of 15 years in prison.

NISG report: Mexico not middle class yet

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Former President Felipe Calderon declared last year that Mexico is becoming a middle-class country. Not so fast, says the official statistics institute. A National Institute of Statistics and Geography analysis released Wednesday says nearly 60 percent of Mexico's estimated 112 million people still belonged to the lower classes in 2010. Just 1.7 percent were considered part of the upper class. The institute didn't list precise criteria for defining middle class. But it says those households generally have a computer, spend at least \$340 every four months to eat out, have a credit card, at least one member with formal employment, and are headed by a high school graduate. □

Obama speaks at rally for Massachusetts democrat

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BOSTON - President Barack Obama drew a crowd of thousands to a campaign rally for Rep. Edward J. Markey on Wednesday, an event that seemed intended to generate a push of energy two weeks before the end of a relatively sleepy campaign.

"I need Ed Markey in the United States Senate," Obama said. "This election's going to come down to turnout. We've got a whole lot of Democrats in this state and a whole lot of Obama folks. But you can't just turn out in a presidential election - you've got to turn out in this election."

Markey, a Democrat, is running for the seat John Kerry left open when he became secretary of state. Markey's Republican opponent, Gabriel Gomez, is a businessman and former member of the Navy SEALs who is a political newcomer. The rally was Obama's first trip to Boston since he attended a memorial service here in the days af-

ter the Boston Marathon bombings - events that still loomed large over the

Sean Collier, the M.I.T. police officer who the authorities say was shot and killed

by recalling the "American spirit" he saw here after the bombing.

waited outside.

"Nobody is better suited to continue that legacy than Ed Markey, because Ed's one of you," Obama said, drawing on Markey's working-class family background. Obama pointed to Markey's support of gun control, women's rights and environmental protection during his 36-year congressional career. "Ed has a track record, and that's why you know what he's going to do when he's a senator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He's not somebody who comes out of nowhere and says he's for something and maybe he's for something else," Obama said, presumably alluding to Gomez. "He's been steady and he's been constant, working on your behalf." During a stop at Charlie's Sandwich Shoppe in the city's South End on his way to the rally, Obama said, according to a pool report, "I know it seems like there's an election every other week, but this one's important." □



President Barack Obama speaks at a campaign event in Boston, June 12, 2013. Obama was in Boston Wednesday campaigning for Democratic Senate candidate Edward Markey.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

rally. White House officials said that shortly before Obama made his speech, he met with the family of

by the bombing suspects, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Obama opened his remarks on Wednesday

Officials from the Markey campaign said that more than 5,000 people were inside, while 2,000 more

NSA director: Programs disrupted dozens of attacks

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The director of national intelligence has declassified information on two thwarted attacks — one in New York, the other in Chicago — and Alexander said he was pressing for more disclosures.

But he also warned that revelations about the secret programs have eroded agency capabilities and, as a result, the U.S. and its allies won't be as safe as they were two weeks ago.

"Some of these are still going to be classified and should be, because if we tell the terrorists every way that we're going to track them, they will get through and Americans will die," he said, adding that he would rather be criticized by people who think he's hiding something "than jeopardize the security of this country."

Alexander said he was seriously concerned that

Snowden, a former employee with Booz Allen Hamilton, had access to key parts of the NSA network, a development that

tor who didn't have visibility into the whole NSA network but could access key portions of it.

The director was ques-

and keep tabs on Internet activity as well as the legal backing for the activities. Members of the House and Senate Intelligence panels and key leaders have been briefed on the programs and have expressed their support for the operations as a valid tool in the terrorism fight.

House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday that the programs are constitutional and "very important to the security of the American people and they help us in a big way to address the terrorist threat that does in fact remain."

But rank-and-file lawmakers who haven't been privy to the details expressed concerns and bewilderment, reflected in the comments of several senators at the hearing and one exchange between Republican Sen. Mike Johanns and Alexander.

Johanns asked the NSA director whether the government could check and

see what an individual is searching for through Google, or sending in email.

Alexander said once an individual has been identified, the issue is referred to the FBI.

"The FBI will then look at that and say what more do we need to now look at that individual themselves. So there are issues and things that they would then look at. It's passed to them," Alexander said.

"So the answer to the question is yes," Johanns said.

"Yes, you could. I mean, you can get a court order to do that," Alexander said.

The Nebraska lawmaker said it was imperative for the government to get information about the programs to the American people "because right now we're all getting bombarded with questions that many of us at the rank-and-file level in the Senate cannot answer." □



Gen. Keith B. Alexander, commander, U.S. Cyber Command and director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service listens while testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, June 12, 2013, before the Senate Appropriations Committee hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on preparing for and responding to the enduring threat.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

demands a closer examination of how well the agency oversees contract employees.

Alexander said Snowden was a system administra-

tioned at length by senators seeking information on exactly how much data the NSA gathers through programs to collect millions of telephone records

Man pleads not guilty in Ohio kidnap case

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CLEVELAND (AP) — A man accused of holding three women captive in his home for about a decade pleaded not guilty Wednesday to hundreds of rape and kidnapping charges, and the defense hinted at avoiding a trial with a plea deal if the death penalty were ruled out.

The death penalty is in play because among the accusations facing Ariel Castro, 52, is that he forced a miscarriage by one of the women, which is considered a killing under Ohio law. That charge doesn't include a possible death penalty, but a prosecutor has said that's under review.

The women disappeared separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 14, 16 and 20 years old. Each said they had accepted a ride from Castro, who remained friends with the family of one girl and

even attended vigils over the years marking her disappearance.

Castro, dressed Wednesday in an orange jail outfit with his hands and ankles

acknowledged afterward that "certain charges in the indictment cannot be disputed" and said the defense was working to avoid an "unnecessary trial" with

resolution to avoid having an unnecessary trial about aggravated murder and the death penalty."

The prosecutor's office will look at the defense remarks but had no immediate comment, said Joe Frolik, spokesman for Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty.

The 329-count indictment returned Friday covered only the period from August 2002, when the first of the women disappeared, to February 2007. More charges could be filed.

Castro was indicted on 139 counts of rape, 177 counts of kidnapping, seven counts of gross sexual imposition, three counts of felonious assault and one count of possession of criminal tools. He was also charged with two counts of aggravated murder related to one act, saying he purposely caused the unlawful termination of one of the pregnancies of one of the women. □



Ariel Castro, center, enters the courtroom for his arraignment Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

shackled and a full dark beard grown in jail, kept his chin tucked on his chest through a brief court appearance. He didn't speak or glance at his two attorneys standing by his side.

Attorney Craig Weintraub

a possible death penalty sentence.

"Mr. Castro currently faces hundreds of years in prison with the current charges," Weintraub said. "It is our hope that we can continue to work toward a

House passes bill to exempt foreign trades

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. House passed legislation Wednesday that would exempt the trading of derivatives from federal oversight if it occurs outside the United States.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers supported the carve-out on a 301-124 vote.

Supporters say the exemption is necessary to allow U.S. firms to remain competitive in foreign markets. But opponents say the regulations outside the U.S. tend to be weaker and the exemption would put the broader financial system at risk.

Derivatives are investments whose value is based on some other investment, such as oil and currencies. The market was largely unregulated around the globe before the 2008 financial crisis and contributed to the meltdown.

The legislation's prospects in the Senate are uncertain.

The White House has signaled it would veto the legislation.

Opponents said its passage could pressure regulators to take a more lenient approach in writing rules for oversight of foreign derivatives trading.

The White House said in a statement Tuesday that House passage of the bill "would be premature and disruptive" to the regulators' ongoing efforts to write the rules.

The legislation's primary authors were House Republicans, who opposed the 2010 financial overhaul legislation, but many Democrats endorsed it. A key thrust of the 2010 overhaul was to put new regulatory reins over derivatives, traded in a \$700 trillion global market that has largely escaped supervision until now.

Derivatives are often used to protect an investor against future price fluctuations of an underlying commodity or security. □

Feds:

Bulger at center of murder, mayhem in Boston

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BOSTON (AP) — Reputed gangster James "Whitey" Bulger was a "hands-on killer" responsible for "murder and mayhem" in Boston for almost 30 years, a federal prosecutor told a jury Wednesday as Bulger's highly anticipated racketeering trial began.

Bulger's lawyer acknowledged that Bulger made millions through drugs, illegal gambling and loan-sharking, but told the jury that three ex-mobsters who have pinned murders on Bulger cannot be believed. Each of the men received "extraordinary" deals from prosecutors in exchange for their cooperation, defense attorney J.W. Carney Jr. said.

The defense also denied prosecution claims that Bulger was an FBI informant for years and provided information on the rival New England Mafia. Bulger, now 83, was one of the nation's most wanted fugi-

tives when he fled Boston in 1994 after receiving a tip from his former FBI handler, John Connolly, that he was about to be indicted. He was finally captured in

cohorts who are expected to be the prosecution's star witnesses: convicted hit man John Martorano, former Bulger partner Stephen "The Rifleman" Flem-

deal with prosecutors.

"The federal government was so desperate to have John Martorano testify ... they basically put their hands up in the air and said, 'Take anything you want,'" Carney said.

Kelly said Bulger headed the Winter Hill Gang, a violent group that "ran amok" in Boston for three decades, killing 19 people, extorting millions of dollars from drug dealers and other criminals, and corrupting police and FBI agents.

"At the center of all this murder and mayhem is one man — the defendant in this case, James Bulger," Kelly said. Kelly offered chilling details of several of the killings, including the 1984 shooting death of John McIntyre. Authorities say he was killed after Bulger learned he had become an informant. Kelly said Bulger chained McIntyre to a chair, interrogated him at gunpoint for hours, then tried to strangle him with a rope, but it didn't kill him. □



This courtroom sketch depicts James "Whitey" Bulger during the first day of his racketeering trial in U.S. District Court in Boston, Wednesday, June 12, 2013. At right is defense attorney J.W. Carney, Jr. Bulger faces a long list of crimes, including extortion and playing a role in 19 killings.

(AP Photo/Margaret Small)

2011 in Santa Monica, California, where he had been living with his longtime girlfriend in a rent-controlled apartment.

The defense went after the three once-loyal Bulger

mi and former Bulger lieutenant Kevin Weeks.

Carney said Martorano, who served 12 years in prison after admitting to killing 20 people, was able to dictate the terms of his

Storms pounding Midwest head towards East Coast

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Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — An unusually massive line of storms packing hail, lightning and tree-toppling winds was rolling through the Midwest on Wednesday.

ported several small tornadoes touched down briefly. No damage was reported.

"We're becoming increasingly concerned that a major severe weather event will unfold," Schneider said.

The Metra commuter rail service announced on its website that it had halted all inbound and outbound trains from Chicago because of the storm.

The storms were expected to push into northwest In-

said it was increasing staff at its customer call center and scheduling extra work crews to handle any outages.

In Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh was adding public safety and public works personnel and repositioning some equipment to prepare for possible flooding or downed trees and wires, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

All told, the area the weather service considers to be under heightened risk of dangerous weather includes 74.7 million people in 19 states.

Tornadoes and a derecho can happen at the same time, but at any given place Wednesday the straight-line winds are probably more likely. Straight-line winds lack the rotation that twisters have, but they can still cause considerable damage as they blow down trees and other objects.

"Be prepared to move away from windows," Schneider said. Listen for weather warnings and go into a basement, if possible, and get underneath

a study object like a table, he said, if a tornado warning is issued. "You want to know where your family's at so everyone can get to safety successfully."

Last year, a derecho caused at least \$1 billion in damage from Chicago to Washington, killing 13 people and leaving more than 4 million people without power, according to the weather service. Winds reached nearly 100 mph in some places and in addition to the 13 people who died from downed trees, an additional 34 people died from the heat wave that followed in areas without power.

Derechos, with winds of at least 58 mph, occur about once a year in the Midwest. Rarer than tornadoes but with weaker winds, derechos produce damage over a much wider area. Wednesday's storm probably won't be as powerful as 2012's historic one, but it is expected to cause widespread problems, said Bill Bunting, operations chief at the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla. □



In this file photo, an American Beech tree is down on Capitol Hill grounds in Washington across from the U.S. Supreme Court after a powerful storm swept across the Washington region. A gigantic line of powerful thunderstorms with tree-toppling winds is likely to threaten one in five Americans Wednesday as it rumbles from Iowa to Maryland, meteorologists warn. The massive storms may even spawn an unusual weather event called a derecho, which is a massive storm of strong straight-line winds spanning at least 240 miles. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

day and could affect more than one in five Americans from Iowa to Maryland.

Meteorologists were even warning about the possibility of a weather event called a derecho (deh-RAY'-choh), which is a storm of strong straight-line winds spanning at least 240 miles. The storms are also likely to generate tornadoes and cause power outages that will be followed by oppressive heat, said Russell Schneider, director of the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

The weather service said two tornadoes touched down in northern Iowa late Wednesday afternoon. In Illinois, emergency officials in Winnebago County re-

"The main thing is for folks to monitor conditions and have a plan for what to do if threatening weather approaches."

For the first time this year, the center was using its highest alert level for parts of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. In Chicago, Wednesday night's White Sox game against the Toronto Blue Jays was postponed in anticipation of bad weather and airlines canceled more than 120 flights at O'Hare International Airport.

Northwestern University canceled classes and finals scheduled for Wednesday night on its Chicago and Evanston campuses, and a symphony concert at the city's downtown Millennium Park was also can-

diana later. The Northern Indiana Public Service Co., the region's largest utility,



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Bloomberg storm plan praised, but faces obstacles

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NEW YORK - Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's \$20 billion program to armor New York City over the next decade against climate change includes extensive details, right down to the size of the concrete bulkheads proposed for the coast of Queens.

Yet even though the mayor is being praised for his foresight, the projects themselves face numerous obstacles before they can become a part of the city's landscape and shoreline, officials and experts said Wednesday.

They will have to pass through an array of government agencies, in City Hall, Albany and Washington. Zoning panels and community groups will weigh in. Billions of dollars in financing must be secured.

And of course Bloomberg, who announced the plan

Tuesday, is leaving office at the end of the year, and there is no guarantee that his successors will embrace all of those components.

In the months since the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, officials at all levels of government have endorsed proposals to protect the city from rising sea levels and major storms. And the city has certainly carried out its share of major infrastructure projects in recent decades.

Still, Bloomberg himself can attest to the difficulties in getting big plans approved. His proposal for a West Side stadium collapsed. One of his signature environmental initiatives, congestion pricing for Midtown Manhattan, was rejected by Albany.

"Many of these solutions will require an unprecedented level of cooperation," said Andy Darrell, New York regional director of the Envi-

ronmental Defense Fund - not only between government agencies, but also the public and private sectors.

"We know how to do these things," Darrell added. "What we have to do is clear a path."

Others echoed that challenge. "A plan is a plan is a plan," said Klaus H. Jacob, a geophysicist at Columbia University. "But there will be a hard reality of how to put this into action."

"Many of the infrastructure systems that the city depends on are not under city control," Jacob said.

The 438-page proposal has some 250 recommendations. They include the installation of levees, flood walls and bulkheads, as well as the creation of sand dunes and wetlands. Bloomberg would also like the city to renovate public housing, adjust flood insurance prices and create an

elevated neighborhood in Lower Manhattan called Seaport City.

Utility companies would upgrade their systems, and the city would develop a fuel supply system for use during disruptions caused by severe weather. The sweeping plan includes recommendations for coastal defenses, buildings, utilities, fuel and food supplies, health care, transportation and telecommunications.

Much of the cost has already been secured through federal and city budget allocations, Bloomberg said. The city would have to raise an additional \$5 billion. But some of the proposals are more speculative and would need billions of dollars more.

On Wednesday, several mayoral candidates said they supported Bloomberg's intentions, while also pointing out problems with

his plan.

In an interview, the City Council speaker, Christine C. Quinn, said she was "very confident" that the city would continue to allocate the money needed to fulfill the \$20 billion plan. "This is the biggest infrastructure project of our time, becoming climate change-ready," Quinn said.

But she added: "There isn't one speech, one plan, or one piece of legislation that's going to get it done. People are going to have to put egos aside, and jurisdictions aside."

Another Democratic candidate, Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, said in a statement Tuesday: "Many questions remain. As we review the plan, we must ensure that it truly serves the needs of low-income residents without a safety net - many of whom suffered the worst and longest-lasting impacts from Superstorm Sandy." □

Homes burned in Colorado fires may approach 100

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — The number of houses destroyed by a wildfire near Colorado Springs could grow to around 100, and authorities fear it's possible that some people who stayed behind might have died.

Authorities initially estimated that between 40 and 60 houses were destroyed in Black Forest, a heavily wooded residential area northeast of Colorado Springs, but they are still surveying the damage. El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa said Wednesday he believes around 80 have been lost and he wouldn't be surprised if the figure reaches or tops 100.

Maketa said there are no reports of anyone missing in the fire, however he fears for those who chose to ignore evacuation orders and stay behind.

"One of my worst fears is that people took their chances and it may have cost them their life," he said.

Maketa said gusty winds expected later in the day could cause the fire to spread unpredictably.

The fire was one of several that broke out along Colorado's Front Range Tuesday and quickly spread in high winds and record heat. The fire has burned about 12 square miles and forced the evacuation of more than 7,000 people in an area over 47 square



Dave Dunlap watches from the bed of his truck as a wildfire crosses Black Forest Road near his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. The number of houses destroyed by a wildfire near Colorado Springs could grow to around 100, and authorities fear it's possible that some people who stayed behind might have died.
(AP Photo/Christian Murdock)

miles (120 sq. kilometers). The area is not far from last summer's devastating Waldo Canyon Fire that destroyed 346 homes and

killed two.

"Everywhere you looked, you saw scattered fires, almost like there was a huge convention of campfires

everywhere, and periodically you'd see trees just pop into a fireball," Maketa said.

Wildfires were also burning in New Mexico and California, where a smoke-jumper was killed fighting one of dozens of lightning-sparked fires. Luke Sheehy, of Susanville, California, was fatally injured by part of a falling tree in Modoc National Forest.

In Colorado, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) to the southwest of the Black Forest Fire, a 6-square-mile (10-kilometer) wildfire near Royal Gorge Bridge Park remains 0 percent contained Wednesday morning, but winds are pushing the fire away from Canon City and structures. □



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Jim McNerney, chief executive of Boeing and the chairman of the Business Roundtable, during the quarterly meeting of the Business Roundtable. (Handout Photo)

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Chief executives for the largest U.S. companies are more optimistic about sales over the next six months and plan to add more workers. The Business Roundtable said Wednesday that its April-June quarterly survey found 32 percent of its members expect to expand payrolls in the next six months. That's up from 29 percent in the January-March survey. And 78 percent expect their sales to increase. That's up from 72 percent from the previous survey.

Consumers have kept spending this year, despite an increase in Social Security taxes. That's helped the economy grow at a modest pace.

Still, most of the CEOs don't expect growth to accelerate. They forecast growth

of 2.2 percent this year, only slightly better than the 2.1 percent forecast in the first-quarter survey.

"CEOs see the U.S. economy still on a slow road to recovery," said Jim McNerney, chief executive of Boeing and the chairman of the Business Roundtable. The better sales outlook reflects modest growth in the United States and "continued high growth in Asia" and other emerging markets, McNerney said, offset by continuing recession in Europe.

Small business owners are also a bit more optimistic, according to a separate survey by the National Federation of Independent Business, released Tuesday. The NFIB's small business optimism index rose for the second straight month to 94.4. That's the second-highest level since the recession began in Decem-

ber 2007. Greater confidence in future sales and economic growth drove the increase.

Employers added 175,000 jobs in May, the government said last week, nearly matching the average job gains of the past year. The unemployment rate ticked up to 7.6 percent, but for a good reason: More Americans were confident they


could find work and began searching for a job.

The economy grew at a solid annual rate of 2.4 percent in the first three months of the year. Consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in more than two years.

Economists worry that the federal spending cuts and higher Social Security taxes, which started Jan. 1,

might be slowing growth in the April-June quarter to an annual rate of 2 percent or less. But many expect growth will pick up again at the end of the year.

The Business Roundtable represents CEOs of the 200 largest U.S. corporations. The latest survey results are based on 141 responses received between May 13 and May 31. □





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ECB official defends crisis measures in court

DAVID McHUGH
AP Business Writer

KARLSRUHE, Germany (AP)

— A top European Central Bank official rejected accusations that the bank had exceeded its powers while fighting the financial crisis, telling Germany's supreme court its bond-buying program is only meant to ensure its monetary policy works.

The Federal Constitutional Court was holding a second day of hearings to weigh allegations that the ECB's plan to purchase government bonds amounted to financing for governments, which is illegal for the central bank. Critics also say it exposes taxpayers to potential losses and threatens the ECB's independence.

Joerg Asmussen told the eight judges that the program is not meant to rescue governments in the 17-country eurozone but only to help the ECB conduct its monetary policy. It is tasked with keeping inflation close to but below 2 percent.

The bond purchase plan, agreed Sept. 6, is an offer by the ECB to buy potentially unlimited amounts of bonds of a government in trouble, provided they apply for that help and agree to a program of reforms in return. The program - which no government has tapped so far - helped lower bond market interest rates, which in troubled countries like Spain were far higher than in financially stronger ones like Germany.

Experts say the program — dubbed Outright Monetary Transactions, or OMT — was crucial in easing Eu-

rope's crisis over too much debt by giving leaders time to fix their finances. It followed ECB President Mario Draghi's vow to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro.

Asmussen, a former German deputy finance minister who now serves on the bank's executive board, said the program helped

mussen told the judges. "It is not the goal to keep states from insolvency."

After court finished for the day, Asmussen said it was important that the ECB had been able to underline to financial markets that the program remained in place. Some analysts have expressed worry that German legal questioning of

mann, the head of Germany's Bundesbank national central bank. He reiterated his position that the purchases would spread risk of losses to all eurozone taxpayers.

The plaintiffs include a backbench lawmaker with Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative bloc, a group of professors,



Member of the board of the European Central Bank (ECB), Joerg Asmussen, enters the German Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe, Germany, Wednesday June 12, 2013. The top European Central Bank official has defended the bank's key crisis backstop in a second day of hearings before Germany's Federal Constitutional Court.
(AP Photo/dpa, Uli Deck)

the ECB's monetary policy function properly. That's because the high borrowing rates in financially troubled countries were preventing the ECB's low interest rates from helping the economy there. Such high borrowing rates were blocking the transmission of the ECB's policies throughout the eurozone.

"The goal of OMT is to remove the disturbed transmission mechanism," As-

the OMT program could undermine its calming effect on markets.

Asmussen highlighted that the program is undiminished in its scope — the ECB has the right to buy whatever sum of bonds it deems necessary.

"Mario Draghi's statement, 'whatever it takes,' remains valid," Asmussen told reporters.

The court also heard from OMT opponent Jens Weid-

a citizen's group and a left-wing opposition party.

The court is also hearing arguments regarding Germany's participation in the European Stability Mechanism, a bailout fund that can rescue troubled states with loans. In a preliminary ruling last year, the court indicated most aspects of Germany's backing for the ESM were in accord with the country's constitution. □

Syrian Conflict: Extremist rebels raid Shiite village

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels, including Sunni extremists, stormed a village and battled pro-regime militiamen, killing more than 60 Shiite fighters and civilians in an attack steeped in the sectarian hatreds that increasingly characterize the civil war, activists said Wednesday.

In the raid, which comes at a time when the West is worried that extremists are increasingly joining the rebellion, the victorious fighters raised black Sunni Islamist flags over the eastern village of Hatla. In amateur videos, the fighters — some wearing al-Qaida-style headbands — vented anti-Shiite slurs and fired in the air.

"The homes of the infidel Shiites were burned," the voice behind the camera in one video shouted as smoke rose in the background from several houses.

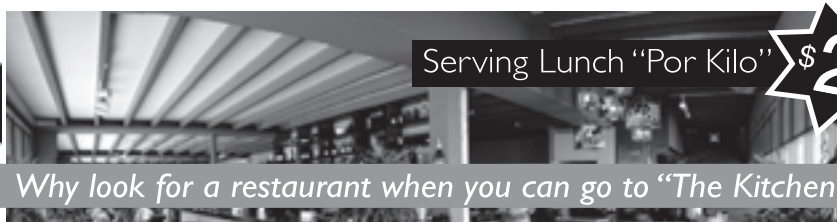
In another video, the fighters pulled blankets off corpses to show them off, one with a wound to the head. A gunman talking to the camera gloated, saying, "This is your end, dogs." The videos appeared genuine and conformed with other Associated Press reporting on the events depicted.

The attack Tuesday on Hatla, in Syria's Deir el-Zour region near Iraq, underlined the increasingly sectarian nature of the conflict.

The regime called it a "massacre," and some opposition members expressed concern about the nature of the attack. □

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Report:

Rampant child abuse at ex-foster home in Vienna

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Children at a former city-run home in Vienna were rampantly abused, with some of them raped and subjected to other forms of sexual exploitation both by caregivers and outsiders, an Austrian investigative commission said Wednesday. The commission also documented cases of physical and psychological abuse in a 344-page report summarizing the results of its investigation of claims by former wards of what used to be a home managed by the city of Vienna from 1948 to 1977.

The probe was commissioned in late 2011 after two sisters said they and the other 18 girls in their dormitory were regularly raped by groups of men. The sisters said the abuse began when they were 6 and 8 and ended in their early teens, when the institution was shut.

Other alleged victims subsequently also came forward with testimonies of sexual, physical and psychological mistreatment in the late 1940s and early 1950s at the Schloss Wilhelminenberg home, which is now a hotel in a leafy outlying Vienna district.

Without assigning individual blame, the report concluded that municipal employees in the department overseeing the city's homes for children were aware of the widespread abuse but neglected to react.

Municipal politicians who learned of them in the 1960s also shut their eyes to the problem.

Commission head Barbara

Helige told reporters that the findings will be forwarded to the state prosecutors' office and other investigative agencies. Commission members said it was up to them to determine whether crimes committed in the home fell under statutes of limitations. The report cites dozens of alleged victims of, or witnesses to, abuse.

"I saw how they dragged a girl onto a bench, with one person forcing her hands back and sitting on her, forcing her legs back and the other one raped her," one former resident was quoted as saying. "She screamed and struggled," the unidentified witness said, describing the victim as aged 11 or 12. Boys were also reportedly victimized. One former resident said he was regularly molested by a dormitory supervisor at age 14.

Once the home was turned from a coed to an all-girls institution in 1962, all male orderlies were replaced by women but the abuse continued, this time from outsiders, the report said. Some former residents spoke of being raped and otherwise sexually mis-

handled by men climbing through windows. Others said their caregivers took them from their dormitory to rooms where men were waiting for them. Several said they were drugged or forced to drink alcohol.

The report also spoke of frequent beatings and other forms of physical abuse that went on for decades until the home was closed. "Children were dragged by the hair, beaten with objects, were slapped in

the face or had to kneel for long periods of time," if found guilty of misbehavior, it said.

prompting disparaging comments about their backgrounds from those taking care of them that

eat and are not gassed like the Jews," one former resident was quoted as saying she was told.

She said she was also told that "we are worthless ... little whores and children of alcoholics."

Since the first allegations surfaced in 2010 of abuse at Schloss Wilhelminenberg, hundreds of former residents there have turned to Weisser Ring, a victims' organization supported by the city of Vienna.

Claims of past abuse in other state or Catholic church-run institutions have also surfaced.

Beyond psychological help, some of the former Schloss Wilhelminenberg children have received financial payouts as high as 35,000 euros — more than \$45,000.

The report was based on 217 interviews with 140 former charges of the home, 28 orderlies and 94 other witnesses. □



Photo shows the former foster home Wilhelminenberg castle in Vienna, Austria. Children at this home were rampantly abused, with some of them raped and subject to other forms of sexual exploitation both by care givers and outsiders, an investigative commission said Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

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sometimes resulted in psychological damage, the report said.

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Israeli PM warns of another Holocaust from Iran

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Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu began his two-day visit to Poland, which Germany's Nazis occupied during World War II and where they committed the worst crimes ever against the Jewish people, with a stern warning about a potential Holocaust from Iran. Netanyahu said Wednesday the upcoming "so-called" Iranian presidential election will "change nothing" in the Islamic republic's quest for nuclear weapons and that the regime will continue to pursue a bomb aimed at destroying Israel. Iran insists its uranium enrichment program has only peaceful goals. Iran's election overseers have approved a list of would-be hopefuls, most of them loyalists favored by both the theocracy and the military, and any future president will likely side with the supreme leadership's nuclear aspirations. "This is a regime that is building nuclear weapons with the expressed purpose to annihilate Israel's 6 million Jews," Netanyahu said, alluding to the num-

ber of Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II. "We will not allow this to happen. We will never allow another Holocaust." Israel considers Iran its greatest threat because of its support of Islamic militant groups, its arsenal of long-range missiles and primarily its advanced nuclear program. Netanyahu's comments in Warsaw carried added significance since they came a day before he travels to the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz in southern Poland, where he is to inaugurate a new pavilion meant to educate visitors about the Holocaust and the Nazi Germany's quest to exterminate the Jewish people. Netanyahu, whose father was born in Warsaw, has an emotional connection to the Holocaust, although he has faced criticism for citing it frequently in the context of current events, notably regarding the potential nuclear threat from Iran. For years, Netanyahu has used his annual address on Israel's Holocaust remembrance day to caution about the danger of a nuclear Iran and vowing



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk share a word during a welcome ceremony in Warsaw, Poland, Wednesday, June 12, 2013.
 (AP Photo/Czarek Sokolowski)

that "never again" will the Jews be powerless to defend themselves. Speaking to reporters Wednesday, Netanyahu remained undeterred by the critics, insisting the intentions of the Iranians are just as murderous of those that existed in World War II. "The comparison is intentional. Does Iran want to destroy the state of Israel, first and foremost its Jews? The answer is yes," he said in response to a question from The Associated Press. "Here is where the comparison diverges, since there was no state of Israel back then that could defend itself. The difference is not in the hatred of Jews and the will to destroy them. This is something that is pretty consistent in history and even modern history. The Holocaust didn't change this situation." Netanyahu and a team of five ministers met with their Polish counterparts and discussed security in Israel's neighborhood, including the stalled peace talks with the Palestinians, the conflict in Syria and a series of bilateral issues such as Poland's possible purchase of Israeli armaments. □

Paraguay candidate's death in crash ruled accident

Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — The death of Paraguayan presidential candidate Lino Oviedo in a helicopter crash in February was an accident and not the result of foul play, the prosecutor investigating the case said Wednesday. Oviedo and his bodyguard were

on a U.S.-made Robinson 44 helicopter returning from a political rally in northern Paraguay on Feb. 2 when the pilot encountered bad weather. All three died in the crash on a farm about 120 miles (200 kilometers) northeast of the capital, Asuncion. Prosecutor Federico Espinoza said that 27 minutes into the

flight, a storm with winds of up to 93 mph (150 kph) caused the pilot to crash. "Investigators found no evidence of a fire before or after the accident and therefore ruled out a possible attack," Espinoza told reporters during a news conference to discuss the final report on the crash. The probe was investigated

by police and the civil aviation authority, with help from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The 69-year-old Oviedo was running in April's presidential election for Paraguay's third-largest opposition party, the National Union of Ethical Citizens. He was not among the favorites. □

French exhibition glorifies Palestinian suicide bombers



A visitor views photos by Palestinian photographer Ahlam Shibli, at the Jeu de Paume museum in Paris, Wednesday June 12, 2013. The exhibit which started last week at the Jeu de Paume, features dozens of photographs with captions that glorify dead members of Palestinian groups. (AP Photo/Remy de la Mauviniere)

THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A state-funded museum in Paris is causing outrage among France's Jewish community for staging a photo exhibition that calls Palestinian suicide bombers "martyrs." The exhibit, entitled

"Death" by Palestinian photographer Ahlam Shibli, features dozens of intimate and often disturbing portraits of Palestinian suicide bombers with anti-Israeli captions that glorify their deaths. Among the works at the Jeu de Paume museum are shots of suicide bomb-

ers from the controversial Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade — listed as a terrorist organization by European Union and the United States. "This is unacceptable. You have the right to be shocked when an apology for terrorists is made in the heart of Paris," said Roger

Cukierman, president of CRIF, France's leading Jewish group.

"And to think this is a state-funded museum. There must be more vigilance. One minute France is fighting terrorists in Mali, and then celebrating the same ones here," he added. Cukierman wrote to

France's culture minister last week, in a letter protesting the display.

One photograph features a proud mother inside her house brandishing a photo of her son, a suicide bomber who killed 19 people in an attack on a bus in Jerusalem in 2002, according to Cukierman. □

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Vigilantes hunting down extremists in Nigeria

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Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)

— Young men armed with machetes and sticks have entered the streets of Nigeria's biggest city in the northeast to target suspected Islamic extremists, even as soldiers continued an offensive against the radical fighters.

The vigilante group, known as "Civilian JTF," a play off the acronym used to describe the joint military and police taskforce in the region, started taking up arms after President Goodluck Jonathan declared a state of emergency May 14 in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe states — a territory of around 155,000 square kilometers (60,000 square miles) of the Sahel bordering Cameroon, Chad and Niger.

In a nationally televised speech, Jonathan admitted the nation had lost control of some villages and towns to extremist fighters already responsible for more than 1,600 killings since 2010 alone, according to an Associated Press count. In the time since, the military claims it has killed and arrested suspected extremists as it now controls security for the region with expanded powers to arrest anyone and occupy any building. However, military officials who spoke to journalists on a recent trip through the northeast acknowledged many fighters likely fled with heavy weaponry including anti-aircraft guns and

still remain a major threat to Africa's most populous nation.

The members of Civilian JTF have now come under attack from extremists for pointing out suspects to soldiers. An AP reporter met a group of the young men belonging to the vigilantes recently in the streets of Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state and the spiritual home of the extremist network Boko Haram. The men ranged in age from 17 to 25 and carried machetes, iron bars and batons to protect themselves.

The men said they formed their own patrols after becoming tired of soldiers routinely rounding up any young man found in a neighborhood after an extremist attack in the city. Soldiers in Nigeria's military, drawn from across the more than 250 ethnicities in the nation, can have difficulties speaking local languages and understanding customs in regions far from their home. The young men said their local knowledge helps the soldiers do their job better.

"We are into this to salvage our people from the Boko Haram who had killed our people, security operatives and destroyed our economy," vigilante Isa Musa said. "We are not afraid of them because we are doing a just cause and God is by our side." Musa said the vigilantes didn't fear the extremists, even though their fighters carry Kalashnikov assault rifles and other sophisticated

weaponry.

"All we want is prayers from the people and their cooperation. We are working together with the JTF soldiers," he said. "We want government to assist us with more weapons like cutlasses, iron batons and axes." Last Friday, however, the Civilian JTF members found themselves a target of a suspected Boko Haram attack. Gunmen hid their assault rifles inside a coffin and opened fire on them in Maiduguri. At least 13 people were killed

man in the city, could not be reached for comment as security forces have shut down mobile phone networks in the northeast as part of the offensive. What is known is that suspects recently pointed out by the vigilantes in three cases ended up dead. Two were shot and killed for "trying to escape," a witness recently said. An AP journalist saw the bodies of eight other suspected extremists dead in a ditch after being pointed out last week by vigilantes. Human rights activists



Soldiers stand guard at the offices of the state-run Nigerian Television Authority in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Maiduguri is the heart of Nigeria's Islamic insurgency. Military officials took journalists on a tour there Thursday, but largely declined to give specific answers about what's happening in the country's fight against the extremists. (AP Photo/Jon Gambrell)

in that attack, witnesses said. It's not clear whether these civilian groups receive either the passive acceptance or the endorsement of the military now securing Maiduguri, though it would appear likely as soldiers seem to allow their movement in a city filled with sandbagged roadblocks. Lt. Col. Sagir Musa, a military spokes-

and international organizations routinely document cases of soldiers and police carrying out so-called "extrajudicial killings" in Nigeria, meaning that those pointed out could end up dead or imprisoned without charges.

However, those concerns don't bother the civilians, who continue their armed patrols. □

Fukushima closer to fuel rod removal

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OKUMA, Japan (AP)

More than two years after Japan's nuclear disaster, damaged vehicles, twisted metal and other debris remains strewn about the Fukushima plant. Scores of black and gray pipes and hoses cover the ground in some places, part of the company's makeshift system to pump water into the damaged reactors to keep them from overheating. Plant chief Takeshi Takahashi told journalists given a tour of the plant Wednesday that workers have cleaned up much of the debris in their work areas, but that the priorities are keeping the plant stable and working toward shutting it down — a process that operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. estimates will take 40 years.

"It's a long road, but we will tackle the decommissioning process by paying special attention to safety," he said. TEPCO showed off a massive, nearly completed steel structure designed to help workers extract more than 1,500 fuel rods from a damaged reactor building — Unit 4 — at the center of international concerns.

The potentially risky procedure, expected to begin in November and take about a year, would be the first major step in the decommissioning of the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, where three reactors melted down after the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami, spewing radiation into the surrounding soil and water and forcing about 160,000 people to evacuate.

Concerns have focused on the fuel rods in the cooling pool of Unit 4 because the pool sits atop the damaged building and remains vulnerable to earthquakes. Currently, a jury-rigged system of pipes and hoses pumps water into the fuel pool to keep it cool, as well as into the reactor cores and fuel pools of nearby Units 1, 2 and 3. □

Outspoken Thai businessman feared slain by driver

BANGKOK (AP) — Three men led Thai investigators Wednesday to a mountain grave and what police believe is the body of a businessman and prominent government critic who disappeared a week ago. Bangkok police commissioner Lt. Gen. Comronwit Toopgrajank said a driver who worked for the businessman, Akeyuth Anchanbutr, and two suspected accomplices led them to the body, which was buried on a mountain

in Thailand's southern province of Phatthalung. Comronwit said the driver confessed to killing Akeyuth to get his money.

Comronwit said in a telephone interview that a relative of Akeyuth's identified the body as his, but that police will conduct a DNA test to be certain before filing charges.

Akeyuth was a critic of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her brother, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. Thaksin was

ousted in a 2006 coup and lives in self-imposed exile to avoid serving a two-year jail term imposed on him for a conflict of interest conviction in 2008. His supporters claim he was unfairly convicted, while his opponents complain that he continues to hold great influence over the government from abroad.

Akeyuth's lawyer Suwat Apaiyak said he believes Akeyuth was targeted by political opponents. In February 2012, Akeyuth

leaked to the media details about a private meeting between Yingluck and a group of businessmen and accused her of conflict of interest. The government said Yingluck did have such a meeting but did not explain what it was about.

Akeyuth, 58, fled Thailand in 1983 after he was convicted of running an investment pyramid scheme. He returned to Thailand after the statute of limitations ended. □



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Eman maintains points lead despite tough weekend

RICHMOND, Va. June 12, 2013: After qualifying on top of the pack two events in a row and capitalizing on their position for their first ever XPS win at the Spring Drags, Team Aruba had high hopes for the ADRL U.S. Drags. As is often the case in drag racing, however, things didn't go as planned. Rain plagued the event, costing teams Friday's test session and a final qualifying shot on Saturday. The Aruba.com/All-tel Wireless Mustang made an impressive pass in their first shot down the track with a 4.114. Conditions for the night session would prove to be tricky forcing Trevor Eman to lift and the team to rely on the 4.11 pass as their only information for race day. Still, the initial qualifying shot was good enough to keep Eman in fifth. This would pit him against the always-tough John Deflorian Jr. for round one of eliminations. Like many XPS teams, Deflorian had struggled throughout qualifying, his best attempt only a 4.65. Deflorian must have known he would need not only



a good pass, but a great light as well, in order to get past Eman, and that's exactly what he did. It is rare for Eman to have a late reaction time, and he is often first out of the gate. However, Deflorian whipped out a .004 reaction time and

would cross the finish line first for a holeshot victory. Despite his early exit, Eman will maintain the Extreme Pro Stock points lead. "It was a very disappointing race weekend for us," told Eman. "Above that it was also very depress-

ing with all the rain that slammed down on us all day Friday, washing away our testing opportunities and on Saturday causing the ADRL to eliminate the third round of qualifying. "Until recently, we have usually always been an average team performance wise. Qualifying in the top half of the field wasn't something we used to accomplish very much in the past, so I made sure that I always tried to leave the starting line first, before our opponent. There have been a couple of times that in doing so, we have won rounds on holeshots. When you take so much pride in usually being the first one to react at the Christmas tree, losing on a holeshot is very hard to accept. "When I saw the numbers on the scoreboard as soon as I crossed the finish line I thought for sure there was a mistake. I almost felt sick inside the racecar when I saw that we got beat on a holeshot. "The important thing is that despite the results of that round, we still have the points lead. The even greater thing is that I have a team that stands behind me 100%, even when I screw up as a driver. We will leave the Virginia race behind us and go forward

from here. "On a positive note, our teammate Nelson Winklaar, who was battling some health issues, is feeling much better and recuperating and is ready to return home from his hospital visit. By the sound of his voice and his attitude, it seems he is ready to join us for a race this year after all. "I'd like to congratulate the entire ADRL staff on doing a great job completing the race after all the downpour of rain combined with what I believe was the largest car count in the history of the ADRL. I also want to congratulate Lester Cooper on reaching the finals and John and Lois Anne Montecalvo and team on returning to the winner's circle. I believe that was Lester's first ADRL final, so both teams deserve big congratulations. I wish I could have stayed to watch them race the final, as they stayed in Cordova to watch me race the final, but unfortunately I had to hit the road to be at the shop in time to make our flight home the next morning. However, I was able to watch it live on bangshift.com on our ride home in the motorhome, so in a way, I was there. "With the points lead intact, it's on to US 131!"

Beauty On The Beach

Emily Graham

She is from New Jersey, USA. It is her first time in Aruba and she is on her honeymoon.

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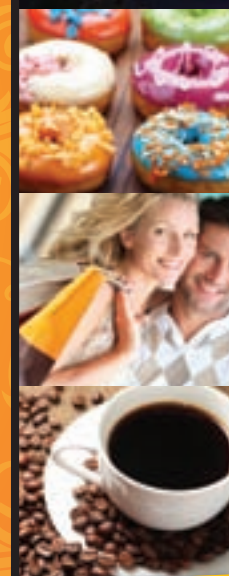
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Swimmer launches attempt to make record Cuba-Florida crossing

Australian swimmer Chloe McCardel, prepares to begins her swim to Florida from the waters off Havana, Cuba, Wednesday, June 12, 2013. McCardel says she expects to spend about 60 hours in the sea before reaching the Florida Keys, a little more than 100 miles to the northeast. McCardel jumped into the water at Havana's Hemingway Marina on Wednesday morning, accompanied by kayakers and a support boat.

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Rory McIlroy, right, of Northern Ireland, and Tiger Woods greet each other on the 18th green during practice for the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.

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Golf history for Woods is all about results

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ARDMORE, Pennsylvania

(AP) — The photo of Ben Hogan hitting his 1-iron into the 18th green at Merion in the 1950 U.S. Open is among the most famous in golf history, capturing the pure swing of one of the greatest players when the pressure of a major championship was at its peak. Instead of marveling at the swing, Tiger Woods thought more about the results.

"That was to get into a playoff," Woods said Tuesday, sounding more like a golf historian than the No. 1 player in the game. "Got about 40 feet and still had some work to do. It's a great photo. But it would have been an all right photo if he didn't win. He still had to go out and win it the next day."

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BOUNCING BACK



LeBron promises he'll play better in Game 4

Miami Heat's LeBron James looks to pass around San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan as Chris Andersen (11) reacts during the first half at Game 3 of the NBA Finals basketball series, Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in San Antonio.

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NL Capsules

Dodgers beat D-backs in brawl-filled game

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a game highlighted by a heated brawl in the seventh inning that involved both players and coaches, Tim Federowicz hit a go-ahead three-run double in the eighth inning to help the Los Angeles Dodgers rally for 5-3 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night.

Arizona starter Ian Kennedy, manager Kirk Gibson and coach Turner Ward, along with Dodgers star rookie Yasiel Puig and hitting coach Mark McGwire were ejected after the prolonged bench-clearing scuffle. Kennedy hit Los Angeles starter Zack Greinke with a pitch, a retaliation throw that triggered the fracas that nearly spilled into the stands.

An inning earlier, Greinke hit Diamondbacks catcher Miguel Montero in the back and both teams came charging onto the field but it broke up quickly with no punches thrown.

That was payback for Kennedy hitting Puig. The ball deflected off his shoulder and struck Puig on the nose.

PIRATES 8, Giants 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Gerrit Cole took a shutout into the



Los Angeles Dodgers' Yasiel Puig, below, is seen to by Arizona Diamondbacks catcher Miguel Montero after being grazed by a pitch during the sixth inning of their baseball game, Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in Los Angeles.

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seventh inning of his major league debut and hit a two-run single in his first at-bat, leading the Pirates to a victory over the Giants in front of a festive crowd.

The top pick in the 2011 draft, Cole allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1-3

innings after being called up from Triple-A Indianapolis earlier in the day. He began his highly touted career with a three-pitch strikeout — all 96-mph fastballs — of Gregor Blanco and struck out two overall. He did not walk a batter.

Pedro Alvarez went 3 for 3 with a home run to back Cole. Starling Marte also homered and Andrew McCutchen and Russell Martin had two hits each.

CARDINALS 9, METS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Wacha recovered from a wild start to earn his first major league win and Allen Craig hit a three-run homer for the Cardinals in a victory over the staggering Mets. Matt Holliday had three hits and the NL Central leaders took full advantage of a crucial error by new Mets first baseman Daniel Murphy, who was shifted over from second after slumping Ike Davis got demoted to the minors Sunday.

David Freese extended his career-high hitting streak to 20 games, longest in the National League this season, and Wacha even knocked in a run with a groundout for his first RBI. Omar Quintanilla homered for the Mets, who gave up seven unearned runs and lost for the seventh time in eight games.

MARLINS 5, BREWERS 4

MIAMI (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton hit his first homer since coming off the disabled list, a two-run drive with two outs in the eighth inning that lifted the Marlins

to a victory over the Brewers.

With Juan Pierre on first, Stanton connected on the first pitch from Jim Henderson (2-2), sending a drive over the wall in left-center. It was his fourth home run this year. He was activated from the DL on Monday.

Chad Qualls (2-0) pitched a perfect eighth and Steve Cishek a scoreless ninth for his seventh save.

Derek Dietrich had a two-run homer for Miami, which has won three of four.

The Brewers took a 4-3 lead in the seventh when Yuni-sky Betancourt tripled in a run to tie it before scoring the go-ahead run on pinch-hitter Scooter Gennett's suicide squeeze.

REDS 12, CUBS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Xavier Paul hit a three-run home run, Joey Votto added a two-run shot and the Reds roughed up Matt Garza and the Cubs.

Tony Cingrani (3-0), filling in for the injured Johnny Cueto, pitched seven strong innings as Cincinnati extended its franchise-best winning streak at Wrigley Field to 11 games. Cingrani, from Chicago's South Suburbs, allowed two runs and four hits, while striking out five and allowing one walk. □

Golf history

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Hogan managed to lag the long putt to about 4 feet and quickly knocked that in for his par to join a three-way playoff, which he won the next day over Lloyd Mangrum and Tom Fazio. Of his four U.S. Open titles, that meant the most to Hogan because he proved he could win just 16 months after a horrific car accident that nearly killed him. On battered legs, Hogan had to play the 36-hole final, followed by the 18-hole playoff.

"Knowing the fact that he went through the accident and then came out here and played 36 and 18, that's awfully impres-

sive," Woods said.

In some small way, Woods can relate.

Five years ago, Woods tried to play the U.S. Open with the ligaments shredded in his left knee and a double stress fracture in his lower left leg. The USGA published a book called 'Great Moments of the U.S. Open,' and the photo it selected for the cover showed Woods arching his back and pumping his fists after making a 12-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole at Torrey Pines to get into a playoff.

It wouldn't have been much of a photo if he missed.

Woods had to go 91 holes that week. He had to make another birdie on the 18th hole of the playoff to go



Tiger Woods tees off on the 16th hole during practice for the U.S. Open golf tournament at Merion Golf Club, Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in Ardmore, Pa.

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extra holes before finally beating Rocco Mediate.

"I think there was a lot of people pulling for Tiger," said Rory McIlroy, who was 19 at the time, a rookie on the European Tour who

failed to qualify for the U.S. Open. "He was playing on a broken leg pretty much, so I was definitely pulling for Tiger. It was probably one of the best performances golf has ever seen, if not

sport in general."

Hard as it might have been to believe that day, it also was the last major Woods won.

He had one more chance at a major after his season-ending knee surgery, losing a two-shot lead to Y.E. Yang in the 2009 PGA Championship.

After two dark years brought on by the collapse of his marriage and more injuries to his left leg, he had at least a share of the 36-hole lead in two majors last year, and he had an outside shot at the Masters in April going into the final round.

Majors don't come as easily as they once seemed to for Woods, though he never looked at them that way. □

At Press time; tied 3-3

Blackhawks and Bruins go to 2OT in Game 1

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) -- The Chicago Blackhawks got third-period goals from Dave Bolland and Johnny Oduya to tie the Boston Bruins 3-3 and send a riveting Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals to overtime.

In the first championship meeting in 34 years between Original Six franchises, Milan Lucic scored twice and Patrice Bergeron added a power-play goal just over six minutes into the third to give Boston a 3-1 lead.

But the Blackhawks came storming back after that.

Andrew Shaw picked off a clearing attempt by Torey Krug and fed Bolland on a two-on-one rush to pull Chicago within one with 12 minutes left in regulation.

Lucic then got stopped on a two-on-one by Corey Crawford midway through the third, and Oduya tied it for Chicago when his shot from the point deflected off Andrew Ference and bounced past Tuukka Rask. Just like that, the Blackhawks were back in it. Corey Crawford fought off a

big flurry by Boston in the closing minutes, and the game went to overtime with Chicago outshooting Boston 39-25 after getting off to a slow start.

The Bruins grabbed a 1-0 lead at the 13:11 mark of the opening period after David Krejci knocked Niklas Hjalmarsson off the puck along the boards behind the net. He fed a pass to Nathan Horton, who feathered the puck across to Lucic for an easy wrist shot from the slot in front of Corey Crawford.

Lucic struck again just 51 seconds into the second period with another wrist shot after Hjalmarsson gambled along the boards and fell, allowing Boston to break in.

Chicago started to come on strong after that.

The Blackhawks got on the board just over two minutes later when rookie Brandon Saad scored his first goal of the playoffs. He carried the puck down the ice but was bumped off it in the left corner of the Boston zone. Marian Hossa recovered it and fed Saad in the slot, making it 2-1 and



Chicago Blackhawks right wing Marian Hossa (81) checks Boston Bruins left wing Daniel Paille (20) during the first overtime period of Game 1 in their NHL Stanley Cup Final hockey series, Wednesday, June 12, 2013 in Chicago.

Associated Press

Leffler dies after accident in dirt car event

BRIDGEPORT, New Jersey (AP) — NASCAR driver Jason Leffler died after an accident Wednesday night at a dirt car event at Bridgeport Speedway.

The 37-year-old Leffler, a two-time winner on the Nationwide Series, was pronounced dead shortly after 9 p.m. local time, New Jersey State Police said.

"NASCAR extends its thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies to the family of Jason Leffler who passed away earlier this evening," NASCAR said

in a statement. "For more than a decade, Jason was a fierce competitor in our sport and he will be missed."

After losing his NASCAR ride, Leffler had been racing dirt car events most of this year, including the 410 Sprint Car race Wednesday that promised a \$7,000 prize to the winner at the 0.625-mile (1-kilometer), high-banked dirt oval. □



This Oct. 16, 2009, file photo, shows driver Jason Leffler at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.
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bringing the sellout crowd to their feet.

The Blackhawks' momentum came screeching to a halt on a power play - make that a two-man advantage - midway through the second. A big issue during the regular season, it continues to haunt the Blackhawks in the playoffs.

They came in 7 for 51 on the power play - 12th among the 16 playoff teams - and that number took another hit when they couldn't convert a five-on-three advantage. Horton got called for interference at 7:37 and the Bruins were whistled for having too many men on the ice at 8:20, but Chicago came away empty.

Before Saad's tally, Rask had not given up a goal in 149:36 and he saved 36 shots through the first three periods for the Bruins, who are seeking their second title in three years.

Crawford made 22 stops in regulation for the Blackhawks, back in the finals for the first time since their championship run three years ago, didn't get much

going in this one.

Not since the Montreal Canadiens knocked off the New York Rangers in five games in 1979 had Original Six teams played for the championship. But both these teams have been here, done that, with Chicago winning it all in 2010 and Boston taking the championship the following season.

For the Blackhawks, it was a long climb back.

The buzzer had barely stopped ringing after Patrick Kane scored the winning goal against Philadelphia to end a 49-year championship drought when the bulldozer hit Chicago. Salary cap issues forced the Blackhawks to part with a long line of supporting players, and the result was back-to-back first-round playoff losses.

But things sure came together this year. From a 24-game points streak to start to capturing the Presidents' Trophy at the end, no team dominated like Chicago during the regular season. In the playoffs, things

haven't been as easy. The Blackhawks took out Minnesota in five games, but had to rally to beat Detroit in the Western Conference semifinals.

They won that one in seven games and didn't blink facing arguably the league's hottest goalie in the conference finals. Instead, they took out Jonathan Quick and the Los Angeles Kings, winning Game 5 in overtime on Patrick Kane's third goal of the game to get to this point.

The Bruins, meanwhile, nearly got eliminated in the first round but have been on a roll ever since.

It's a big reversal after they blew a 3-1 series lead in Round 1 against Toronto and fell behind by three in the seventh game.

Then they did something no other team had done. They became the first team in league history to take a Game 7 after trailing by three in the third, with Patrice Bergeron scoring the tying and winning goals. Since then, they've made it look easier. □

LeBron not backing down on vow for Game 4

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A day later, LeBron James didn't back down.

When the Miami Heat were embarrassed by 36 points in Game 3 of the NBA Finals, James took all the blame and even lauded his teammates for playing great. Shortly after that 113-77 debacle of a Spurs' victory ended Tuesday night, James insisted that he would do enough to change the way the Heat compete in Game 4.

And Wednesday, James' tune was the same.

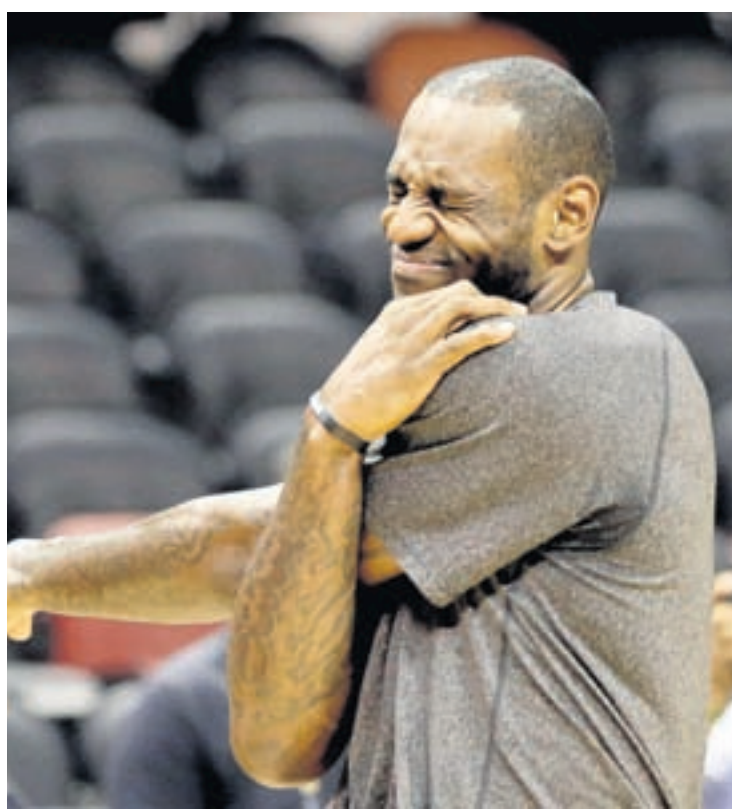
"I'm putting all the pressure on my chest, on my shoulders to come through for our team," James said, virtually echoing what he had vowed the previous night. "That's the way it is." That's not necessarily the same game plan that Heat coach Erik Spoelstra would prefer, but by now, it's just become assumed that when the stakes are highest, it's all going to be on James anyway, whether that's the actual reality or

not. If the Heat win Game 4, odds are James will be credited as the reason why. If they lose Game 4 and go one loss away from elimination, then it'll be widely considered as James' failure.

"Look, we have great confidence from our guys and their ability to bounce back and respond in a big way," Spoelstra said. "And that's all our focus is the next 24 hours - how do we prepare ourselves to play our best game of the series tomorrow night. That's the only thing that matters. LJ has proven himself enough in this league and on the biggest stage. He is going to ... he'll be better."

When the Heat arrived Wednesday for practice in San Antonio, after a particularly difficult-to-stomach film session to recap Game 3, James had his practice jersey slung over his head, letting the piece of mesh fabric sway down his back much in the way that a cape would.

Fitting. In Game 4, he might need a hero's effort to save



Miami Heat's LeBron James stretches during NBA basketball practice Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in San Antonio. The Heat trail the San Antonio Spurs 2-1 in the best-of-seven games series. Game 4 of the NBA finals series is scheduled for Thursday.

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the Heat.

"We're not worried about LeBron," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "He's going to find his way. He's going to get in a groove. As teammates you try to fig-

ure out a way to get him an easy basket in a breakout, try to get it back to him, get a lay-up, so he can see the ball go in. As a scorer you need to see it go in. Besides that, we're not concerned

about him at all."

The 36-point loss matched the largest that James has endured in his career, and his minus-32 rating was the worst of his 899 previous games. He was 7 for 21 from the field - his shooting has been subpar in every game so far in this series - and did not get to the foul line, a byproduct of both the Spurs taking driving lanes away and James shooting the jumpers than San Antonio is daring him to try.

The way James was talking on Wednesday, it's all-or-nothing time for the Heat.

"It's just something we've grown over the years, being able to bounce back in adverse situations," James said. "And no matter the circumstances, this is going to be probably one of the toughest, because ... we're going against a team with championship DNA and championship pedigree on the floor and a must-win. We're going to be ready for it. We're going to accept the challenge and see what happens." □

Bautista, Blue Jays beat White Sox 7-5 in 10

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Bautista hit a game-tying home run in the ninth inning and Rajai Davis scored on a wild pitch in the 10th to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 7-5 win over the Chicago White Sox at a dimmed U.S. Cellular Field on Tuesday night. Chien-Ming Wang made his first start of the season after signing with the injury-riddled Blue Jays, lasting 7 1-3 innings while giving up five runs and 10 hits.

During the 10th, there was a brief delay after a handful of bulbs in the light standards above the infield at U.S. Cellular Field went out as Ramon Troncoso (0-1) prepared to throw his 2-1 pitch to Adam Lind. Following the delay, Davis scored on Troncoso's wild pitch.

Brett Cecil (2-0) went 1

2-3 innings for the win and Casey Janssen pitched a scoreless 10th for his 13th save in 14 tries.

TIGERS 3, ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Max Scherzer won his ninth straight decision, and the Tigers beat Kansas City to snap the Royals' six-game winning streak.

Scherzer became the first Tigers starter to begin the season 9-0 since Vern Kennedy in 1938 by pitching seven sharp innings.

He limited the Royals to three hits and two runs, while striking out six and walking two.

Aaron Crow (2-2), who was a college teammate of Scherzer's at Missouri, took the loss after pitching out of a bases loaded jam in the seventh.

Crow hit Miguel Cabrera

with a pitch to start the eighth. Cabrera advanced to third on Prince Fielder's single to right on a full count and scored on Victor Martinez's sacrifice fly to left. That was the first run allowed by the Kansas City bullpen in 21 innings.

INDIANS 5, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Corey Kluber allowed one run over eight innings and the Indians beat the Rangers to snap an eight-game losing streak. The Indians also ended a 12-game road losing streak. Mark Reynolds had RBI single in the fourth off Derek Holland (5-3) that put Cleveland ahead to stay. Drew Stubbs added a two-run single in the fifth and scored on a single by Nick Swisher, who had only two hits his previous 28 at-bats.



Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista flexes after hitting a three-run home run off Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Dylan Axelrod, also scoring Maicer Izturis and Munenori Kawasaki, during the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday, June 10, 2013, in Chicago.

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Kluber (4-4) went to Coppell High School, which is less than 25 miles from Rangers Ballpark. The right-hander struck out three with three walks and benefited from three double plays. Lefty Holland, who pitched a season-low 4 1-3 innings, was 4-0 with a 2.40 ERA in his previous seven starts.

ORIOLES 3, ANGELS 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Miguel Gonzalez allowed one run over eight innings and Nick Markakis hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the seventh inning as the Orioles beat the Angels.

Light-hitting Ryan Flaherty contributed two well-timed hits for the Orioles, whose third straight victory put them a season-high nine games over .500 (37-28). □

Australian launches Cuba-Fla. record swim attempt

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Australian endurance athlete Chloe McCardel stroked through the open waters north of Cuba on Wednesday, determined to become the first person to swim the Straits of Florida nonstop without a protective shark cage.

The 28-year-old from Melbourne had covered about 12 miles (19 kilometers) by late afternoon, her team reported via social media. A boat that set out with her from Havana's Hemingway Marina was joined by a second support vessel that had sailed from Florida.

In the morning, a smiling, upbeat McCardel arrived in a pink 1950s Chevy convertible at a rocky jetty in western Havana. She carefully adjusted her black swim cap and goggles while her husband applied grease around the edges of her suit to prevent chafing.

"As confident as I can be. I think it's all going to work out well," she said of her chances. "It'll be tough, though. It's not going to be an easy ride, but we'll get through it as a team."

McCardel then jumped feet first into the water at 10 a.m. sharp.

Based on the afternoon update, she was averaging about 2 mph (3 kph) as she headed into her first night, a pace that would get her to Florida quicker than anticipated if she kept it up.

McCardel had said she expected to take about 60 hours to arrive in the Florida Keys, a little more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) to the northeast of Havana, braving sharks and jellyfish along the way.

The weather report for that time period called for clear skies. The sea off Havana was flat and glassy Wednesday, precisely the ideal conditions that McCardel's science team had forecast.

The strait has been busy the last three summers, with

fellow marathon swimmers Diana Nyad and Penny Palfrey making four failed attempts at the crossing between them since 2011. Australian Susie Maroney successfully made the swim in 1997, although she did it with the benefit of a shark cage. "It is the hardest swim in the world today," McCardel said Tuesday at a news conference in the Cuban capital. "No one has been able to achieve this. It's possibly harder than winning the World Cup or getting a gold medal."

The challenge also outstrips by far, at least in terms of distance, anything she's done before. McCardel, who has twice made a double crossing of the English Channel, said the most time she's spent in the water continuously is 25 hours. She is swimming under English Channel Marathon rules, which means she cannot touch her support boat or hold on to anything. Nor can she wear a full-body wetsuit, which would help protect against exposure and jellyfish stings, or use a shark cage.

A piece of equipment called a Shark Shield creates an electromagnetic field around her in the water, discouraging the predators from getting too close.

McCardel plans to stop every half hour or so to sip an energy drink, preferring that to solid foods.

She and her team have spent the last nine and a half months planning the trip and studying others' attempts to try to figure out why those athletes were unable to complete the swim.

The team picked June for the attempt in a bit of a tradeoff: While seas are warmer later in the summer, this month typically sees lower concentrations of box jellyfish, whose dangerous stings have scuttled past attempts.

They even took the lunar cycle into account. Moonlight attracts jellyfish to the

surface, and that should be less of a problem as she set off under a new moon.

McCardel said she believed she could succeed where others fell short because she assembled an unprecedented team that includes scientists on land who are experts on the Gulf Stream current that flows through the straits.

They will be crunching data in real time and feeding information to her support boat, a 44-foot catamaran dubbed the Sunlover, so the mission can dodge things such as the powerful eddies that have swept other swimmers off course.

"The advantage that this gives us is that we can foresee 10, 20, 30 kilometers ahead," McCardel said. "So if we can slightly change our course to avoid things in the future, we're less likely to get picked up by an eddy off the Gulf Stream and pushed in the wrong direction."

Still, she acknowledged there was no way to guarantee nature's cooperation.

"The Gulf Stream ... it's like a wild animal," McCardel said. "You cannot predict it that much in advance, so you cannot take historical data from Penny Palfrey or Diana Nyad's swim and say, well, this is what happened to them, therefore if we don't do exactly the same then we'll have a better outcome."

It would seem an unlikely dream for a woman who didn't even learn to swim until she was 10 years old. McCardel, who makes a living doing first-aid training, and her husband took out a second mortgage on their home to finance the \$150,000 in costs associated with the swim.

So far they have made about half of it back through sponsorships, and leaned heavily on volunteers and donations. She's also hoping to raise money for cancer research and to support people who suffer from the disease. □



Australian swimmer Chloe McCardel waves to spectators as she begins her swim to Florida from the waters off Havana, Cuba, Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

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Aging Mind

By: **Dr. Carlos Viana**



My father, Manuel, who died at age ninety, was a self-educated entrepreneur here in Aruba and an inspiration to many. A "health nut" already before World War II he espoused throughout his life the benefits of drinking water, eating sensibly, and exercising. My mother, Nora reading one of my nutritional articles fittingly identified my father's advice emerging through my words. Indisputably, my father, Manuel was a primary role model for me.

Daily I think about my father as I evaluate older patients. My father at age ninety continued to enjoy robust physical health. Unfortunately, mental deterioration, memory loss, and disorientation robbed Manuel of part of the joy of his final years. Manuel although living a seeming healthy lifestyle spent years absorbing heavy metals. In spite of his commitment to health, the Viana garage near the oil refinery and other toxins little understood at the time were slowly building up in Manuel's brain.

Dementia derived from Latin, from the stem "dement"-, literally means "mind away," identifies the deterioration of intellectual functions such as memory that can occur while other brain functions such as those controlling movement and the senses are retained. The brain, a very sensitive organ has limited ways for protecting itself. There are various conditions which can produce at any age a demented brain. These include: Alcoholism, thyroid metabolic disease, diabetes, AIDS related dementia, from cancer chemotherapy treatments, "mad cow" or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, traumatic head injury, toxic metals, and all degenerative brain diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's.

After age 65, this mental deterioration is called senile dementia. Many allopathic doctors erroneously believe that dementia in older patients is a normal aspect of aging. Part of our social reality is that we have an institutionalized disregard, for individuals who are older than seventy five.

Senile dementia is the impairment of intelligence shown by the taking of rash, foolish decisions, the stereotypical "silly old woman". Your parent may become childishly impulsive or erratic. She may show difficulty grasping new ideas or accepting new situations, like developing a resistance to med-

ical care. Older people's patterns of thinking becomes regressive and rigid - the stereotypical "stubborn old man". Impairment of memory is well recognized and often wrongly considered to be the only symptom of a dementia. The short term memory is affected first with preservation of long term memory for some time.

Poor concentration due to other problems such as depression or anxiety can give a false impression of severity of memory loss. Emotional instability is frequently seen where tremendous anger can be produced from a trivial incident such as failure to tie a shoelace. Many times social inhibitions are forgotten and may produce aggressive or promiscuous behavior. Near the end of life the parent suffering from dementia can deteriorate in moral standards and personal hygiene.

Senile dementia is not normal nor the only symptom of aging. The most devastating problem facing your brain is what medically is known as a cerebrovascular accident, which is any physical event in your brain, for example, cerebral hemorrhage, that may lead to a stroke. A stroke is a sudden blockage or rupture of a blood vessel in the brain resulting in tissue death in that part of the brain.

Another problems contributing to aging is atherosclerosis, in which areas of cholesterol, glucose, and toxic metal deposits form on the inner surfaces of the arteries obstruct blood flow. Causes of damage include elevat-

ed triglycerides, high blood pressure, tobacco smoke, alcohol and other drug abused, and diabetes.

The common denominator in all these problems is chronic inflammation. Inflammation is your body's natural response to outside invaders it perceives as threats. It is a process in which your body's white blood cells protect you from foreign substances such as bacteria and viruses. However, when your body is in a chronic state of inflammation, the inflammation can lodge in your muscles, joints and tissues. In fact, chronic inflammation is a leading cause of many diseases, both physical and neurological, including dementia and heart disease.

Professionally, I believe chronic inflammation is related to absorption of toxic heavy metals. At the Viana Healing Center, we use hair to test levels, and then prepare a detoxification plan as needed. The modern diet which is high unsaturated fats and low in antioxidants is also a major contributing factor to aging. We all know that the modern diet is highly processed and manufactured. Natural supplementation with antioxidants like vitamin C, E, and essential oils like Omega 3, 6 and 9 are anti-inflammatory. Lecithin produces the neurotransmitter acetylcholine which enables communication and signal-transmission between brain cells, thus improving memory. SAME was associated with an improvement of depression and metabolizes into Glutathione, the body's greatest antioxidant that

protects the brain. D- Ribose, a simple sugar has been shown to boost levels of energy, help muscles recover from physical activity and helps reduce stiffness in aging bodies. Including exercise that uses your body, mind and spirit, like my salsa classes with Phyllis are a great way to keep in shape.

Get The Point! Don't wait until you mind is going, going, gone. Begin early to protect yourself. Growing older does not have to mean having your mind "go away". Having a demented parent triples your chances of developing this problem yourself. Make an appointment today to learn how to protect your future brain. "Salud, Vitalidad y Dinamismo" presenta pa Dr. Viana tur Diaranson na ATV 15 durante Noticia Awenochi.

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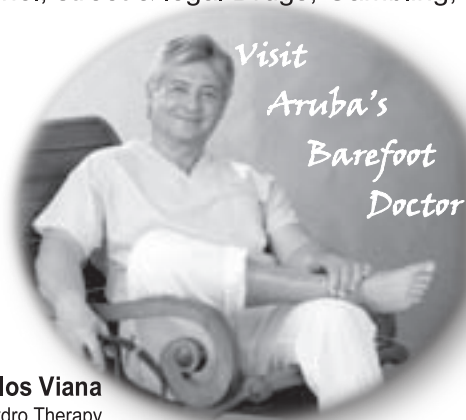
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Yahoo to release IDs of inactive email accounts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yahoo is trying to breathe new life into inactive email accounts by giving away the identifications beginning next month. The program announced Wednesday will give Web surfers an opportunity to claim a new handle that had previously been unavailable. It also represents a last chance for Yahoo users who haven't logged in for at least a year to keep the address. Yahoo Inc. plans to release the inactive accounts unless the current owner logs in again before July 15. After that, the identifications will be available to all comers and will be ready to use again in mid-August. The Sunnyvale, California, company isn't specifying how many emails are in the dead pool. A Yahoo spokeswoman predicted a substantial number of IDs

will be freed up. The attempted revival of the dormant accounts coincides with Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer's nearly yearlong effort to create a bigger buzz around an Internet pioneer that had fallen out of fashion. Yahoo's headaches included the declining usage of its email service as more people embraced Google Inc.'s alternative, Gmail. Mayer, a longtime Google executive, has redesigned Yahoo's email service, home page and Flickr photo service since her arrival in July 2012. She also made a major splash last month by striking a deal to buy the trendy blogging service, Tumblr, for \$1.1 billion. Yahoo announced its plans to court new email users on Tumblr, which is particularly popular among teenagers and young adults. □

New Myspace takes it back to the future

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer
NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Tim and Chris Vanderhook think Myspace had it right — at one point. And they believe they've revived and improved that formula for success as the revamped first titan of social media debuts its latest incarnation. The Vanderhooks unveiled the new Myspace.com Wednesday, revealing a site focused on entertainment that combines social networking with streaming music. There are new features aimed at helping musicians, writers and other artists connect with their followers, an app and a radio function. "Today more than ever there's this need for a creative ecosystem that kind of caters to the creative community and that's both a social network and

the streaming services attached," Tim Vanderhook said. "For us when we looked at it, we really talked to a lot of artists and ... they all said, 'I use all these various platforms but none of them really do what we need.' What they really needed, they explained to us, was a home." The launch comes nearly two years after the Irvine, Calif.-based Specific Media owners teamed with Justin Timberlake to buy the ailing website for \$35 million, a fraction of the \$560 million News Corp. paid for it in 2005. The new owners briefed media this week in the run-up to release. Timberlake was not made available, but the company says he provides the strategic vision for the company and was the person behind the idea of focusing on the creative community. □

Facebook introduces hashtags

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook is introducing hashtags, the number signs used on Twitter, Instagram and other services to identify topics being discussed and allow users to search for them. Facebook Inc. said in a blog post Wednesday that users will be able to click a hashtag to see a feed of discussions about a particular topic. For example, typing a number sign in front of "ladygaga" or "sunset" will turn the words into a link that users can click on to find posts about Lady Gaga or sunsets. Facebook said hashtags are a first step toward making it easier for users to find out what others are discussing. The company is not giving exact details about other tools it might



In this Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, file photo, a Facebook User Operations Safety Team worker looks at reviews at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

introduce. If Twitter's use of hashtags is any indication, Facebook will likely incorporate them into its advertising business. "We'll continue to roll out more features in the coming weeks and months, including trending hashtags and deeper insights, that help people discover more

of the world's conversations," wrote Greg Lindley, product manager for hashtags, in the post. The hashtags will conform to users' privacy settings — so putting a hashtag in a post that's only visible to your friends won't make it show up for anyone other than your friends. □

Associated Press

Cheaper solar panels fuel rise in renewable energy



In this photo taken Monday May 13, 2013, a worker monitors a solar panel production line in a factory in Quzhou city in east China's Zhejiang province.

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A dramatic drop in the price of solar power technology last year helped the continued growth of renewable energy, according to a U.N.-backed report published Wednesday. Global energy-generating capacity from renewable sources rose by 115 gigawatts in 2012, compared with 105 gigawatts the previous year, the report by the Paris-based think tank

REN21 showed. Installed renewable energy capacity rose to over 1,470 gigawatts, equivalent to about 1,500 nuclear reactors. Two thirds of all renewable capacity still comes from hydropower, but wind and solar have been gaining. The worldwide capacity of photovoltaic cells, which convert sunshine into electricity, reached 100 gigawatts last year, the report said.

The drop in solar prices — fuelled by Chinese manufacturers — helped bring the overall cost of investment in renewables down 12 percent to \$244 billion from \$279 billion in 2011, effectively boosting the amount of generating capacity investors can get for their money. "This is not only normal in a rapidly growing, high tech industry but is likely to lead to even more competition, with even bigger gains for consumers, the climate and wider sustainability opportunities," said Achim Steiner, the head of the U.N. Environment Program. Whether this glut of cheap solar products can last is unclear. Last week the EU announced new import duties on Chinese-made solar panels, cells and wafers, alleging they were being sold abroad at a lower price than at home, or below the manufacturing cost. Last year, the United States imposed tariffs on Chinese solar panels following similar complaints. □

US stocks slide; Dow below 15,000

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Video-game shops, restaurants and retailers led the stock market lower Wednesday. Without any good news to drive the market up, investors grappled with the question hanging over financial markets: When will the Federal Reserve and other central banks pull back their economic stimulus programs?

Markets have turned turbulent in recent weeks as traders start preparing for a time when the Fed and central banks in Europe and Japan aren't pumping

third-largest economy.

In other trading Wednesday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 13.61 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,612.52. All 10 industry groups in the index dropped, led by consumer-discretionary and utility companies. Two of the top-performing stocks in the S&P 500 this year, Netflix and BestBuy, led consumer-discretionary companies down. Netflix lost \$6.82, or 3 percent, to \$207.64. Consumer electronics retailer BestBuy dropped \$1.01, or 4 percent, to \$26.88. GameStop fell \$1.13, or 3 percent, to \$36.69.

The S&P 500, the stock-mar-

ket benchmark for most investment funds, has lost 3.4 percent since reaching a record high on May 21. The next day, Fed chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank could decide to scale down its bond-buying program in the coming months if the economy looks strong enough.

Since then, the discussion among investors has centered on what will happen when the Fed shifts course. "Tapering" is definitely the word of the month," Croft said. Many on Wall Street think the Fed could signal that it's ready to start cutting back on its \$85 billion in bond purchases at the end of its two-day meeting next Wednesday. That's a key reason bond traders have been selling Treasuries, sending the 10-year yield from a low of 1.63 percent last month to as high as 2.29 percent this week. Long-term borrowing rates are still near historic lows, but their jump over the past month has grabbed investors' attention, said Mark Travis, president and CEO of Intrepid Capital Management. "I think people are starting to pause," he said. "If rates continue to drift up, it's probably going to be a headwind for the market."

Despite the losses, there



Trader Gregory Rowe works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Markets have turned turbulent in recent weeks as traders start preparing for a time when the Fed and central banks in Europe and Japan aren't pumping as much money into the financial system.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

as much money into the financial system.

"There's nothing concrete out there to turn us around today," Russell Croft, co-portfolio manager at the Croft Value Fund in Baltimore. "So naturally enough, people are back to thinking about the Fed." The Dow Jones industrial average fell 126.79 points, or 0.8 percent, to close at 14,995.23. The Dow had its first three-day stretch of losses this year and is down 1.7 percent for the week.

A rout in global markets helped pull the Dow down 116 points Tuesday. The selling started after the Bank of Japan decided not to make any new attempt to spur growth in the world's

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were a few bright spots. Cooper Tire & Rubber jumped 41 percent after Apollo Tyres, an Indian company, announced plans to buy the tire maker for \$2.5 billion. The combined company would be one of the world's largest tire makers, Apollo said, with combined 2012 sales of \$6.6 billion. Cooper Tire gained \$10.10 to \$34.66. Gigamon soared 50 percent on its first day of trading as a public company. The Milpitas, California-based company, which makes equipment for computer-network traffic, raised \$128 million in its initial public offering Tuesday. Its stock surged \$9.47 to \$28.47. □



Copies of President Barack Obama's budget plan for fiscal year 2014 are prepared for delivery at the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

US budget deficit widens by \$139 billion in May

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Wednesday that the U.S. budget deficit widened in May by \$139 billion. But the annual deficit stayed on track to finish below \$1 trillion for the first time since 2008.

Steady economic growth and higher tax rates have boosted the government's tax revenue. At the same time, government spending has barely increased. With the May increase, the deficit through the first eight months of this budget year totaled \$626 billion, according to the Treasury. That's down \$218 billion lower than the same period last year. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the deficit won't grow much before the budget year ends on Sept. 30. It forecasts an annual deficit of \$642 billion. If correct, that would be well below last year's deficit of \$1.09 trillion and the lowest in five years. It would still be the fifth-largest deficit in U.S. history.

The federal deficit represents the annual difference between the government's spending and the tax revenues it takes in. Each deficit contributes to the national debt, which recently topped \$16 trillion. At the same time, a smaller deficit has taken pressure off of negotiations to raise the federal borrowing limit. So far this budget year, revenue has risen 15 percent to \$1.8 trillion. The govern-

ment is taking in more money because of higher rates that went into effect on Jan. 1. Modest economic growth has also boosted tax revenue.

And this month the government is expecting large dividend payments from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which will keep the deficit from growing. Fannie is expected to pay \$59.4 billion; Freddie is expected pay \$7 billion. The mortgage giants are profitable again and are paying dividends to the government in return for the loans they received during the financial crisis.

While revenue has increased greatly, spending has only risen 0.8 percent this year to \$2.43 billion.

Military spending has dropped 4.3 percent, reflecting the winding down of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Spending on unemployment benefits, which had swelled as millions lost their jobs during the Great Recession, fell 25.3 percent compared with the same period a year ago.

Across-the-board government spending cuts that began on March 1 are expected to lower spending further in the remaining months of this budget year. The deficit reached a record \$1.41 trillion in budget year 2009, which began four months before President Barack Obama took office. That deficit was largely because of the worst recession since the Great Depression. □

Record crop forecast sends corn prices sharply lower

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Corn prices ended sharply lower Wednesday after the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicted a record crop and large supplies of the grain. The actively traded December contract for corn fell 13.25 cents, or 2.4 percent, to \$5.375 a bushel. The front-month contract for July fell 8.75 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$6.5075 a bushel. The USDA reported that while corn farmers are being affected by cool, wet weather this spring they are still expected to bring in a record crop this year. The agency said farmers are forecast to deliver 14 million bushels, beating the 2009 record of 13.1 billion bushels. Scott Strand, a market analyst at Northstar Commodity in Minneapolis, said the agency's estimate that there would be 1.949 billion bushels of corn stockpiles at the end of the summer was much larger than the 1.758 billion the market was expecting. Wheat prices also fell, while soybeans ended flat. July wheat fell 13.75 cents, or 2 percent, to \$6.83 a bushel. July soybeans edged up 0.25 cent to \$15.4075 a bushel. Metals prices rose broadly. The actively traded August contract for gold rose \$15 to \$1,392 an ounce. July silver rose 15 cents to \$21.796 an ounce. July copper rose 3.05 cents to \$3.225 a pound. July platinum rose \$2.40 to \$1,482.30 an ounce and September palladium rose \$4.55 to \$757.05 an ounce. Energy prices mostly rose. Benchmark oil for July delivery added 50 cents to finish at \$95.88 a barrel in New York. Oil lost 65 cents a barrel over the previous two days. In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline was down 1 cent at \$2.81 a gallon, heating oil rose 4 cents to \$2.90 per gallon and natural gas added 5 cents to \$3.78 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

India's Apollo Tyres to buy Cooper Tire for \$2.22B

JOHN SEEWER

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A tire maker whose main market is in India is buying Ohio's Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for \$2.2 billion and making a commitment to maintain

pany will be the world's seventh-largest tire maker and have a strong foothold across four continents. Their tire brands include Apollo, Cooper, Roadmaster and Vredestein.

The deal gives Apollo ac-

are a good strategic fit because each is in different markets. "The lack of overlap is where the opportunities really are," Armes said in an interview. The deal will give Cooper's customers access to new products such as off-road and farm tires, which could eventually be made at one of the company's North American plants, he said. "It won't make sense to import everything from India," Armes said.

Apollo has made a "pretty strong commitment" not to shut down plants in Findlay in northwest Ohio, Tupelo, Mississippi; and Texarkana, Arkansas, Armes said.

It also plans to honor the terms of labor contracts currently in place and generally maintain pay and benefit levels for non-union employees. Cooper executives are expected to continue leading the company from its headquarters in Findlay, but details of how that will work haven't been finalized. Under the terms of the deal, Cooper shareholders will receive \$35 per share in cash. The price represents a 42 percent premium over Cooper's Tuesday closing stock price and is higher than the share price over the last decade. The companies had a combined 2012 sales of \$6.6 billion. Based on the company's 63.3 million outstanding shares, the deal is worth about \$2.22 billion. The companies valued the sale at about \$2.5 billion.

Cooper shares jumped \$9.94, or 41 percent, to \$34.51 in afternoon trading Wednesday.

Standard and Poor's equity analyst Efraim Levy said that the biggest question was how Apollo will finance the purchase of the larger company. "It seems to be that they're biting off a lot," he said.

He said that Apollo is paying such a high premium per share that it would have been hard for Cooper to reject the offer.

Apollo Chairman Onkar Kanwar said the combined company will serve both large, established markets, such as the U.S. and Europe, as well as fast-growing markets such as India, China, Africa and Latin America.

With a history dating back to 1914, Cooper currently employs nearly 13,000 people around the world and has manufacturing plants on three continents. Its brands include Cooper, Mastercraft, Dean, Starfire, Roadmaster and others. Its 2012 revenue totaled \$4.2 billion. Last month, the company said its first-quarter profit more than doubled to \$56.1 million, as lower raw material and manufacturing costs more than offset a double-digit drop in sales stemming from lower global demand and tough economic conditions. Apollo, founded in 1972, produces premium and mid-tier tires in a variety of brands including Apollo and Vredestein. □



Cooper tires are on display at Vermont Tire and Service Inc. in Montpelier, Vt. India's Apollo Tyres Ltd. is buying Ohio's Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for about \$2.22 billion, boosting its presence in North America and other key markets around the world.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

the company's three U.S. manufacturing plants and retain its management operation in Ohio, Cooper's chief executive said Wednesday.

India's Apollo Tyres Ltd. said the combined com-

cess to markets in the U.S. and China while Cooper gets a premium price per share and some assurances that its domestic operations won't be gutted.

Cooper CEO Roy Armes said the two companies

CEO of bailed-out Royal Bank of Scotland to leave

DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Bailed-out U.K. lender Royal Bank of Scotland said Wednesday that Stephen Hester will step down as chief executive later this year — a move that creates some uncertainty as the bank prepares to return to the private sector.

The board of the bank, which is 81 percent owned by the taxpayer after it was rescued by the U.K. government in 2008, said that Hester was unwilling

to make a five-year commitment necessary to lead the bank back into the private sector. The search for a successor will begin immediately.

The 52-year-old — one of the most public figures in British banking — said that while the Royal Bank of Scotland Group is now in a position where the government can begin privatizing it, it was important to have a new leader oversee the job.

"While leading that process would be the end of

an incredible chapter for me, ideally for the company it should be led by someone at the beginning of their journey" he said in a statement. "I will therefore step down at the end of this year to allow a new CEO to lead the group in this next stage."

During a call for reporters following the announcement, Hester hemmed on the question of whether he was pushed to make the decision or had reached an impasse with the board about when to go.

"My position has been throughout that I want to do what is right for RBS," he said. "That's my motivation."

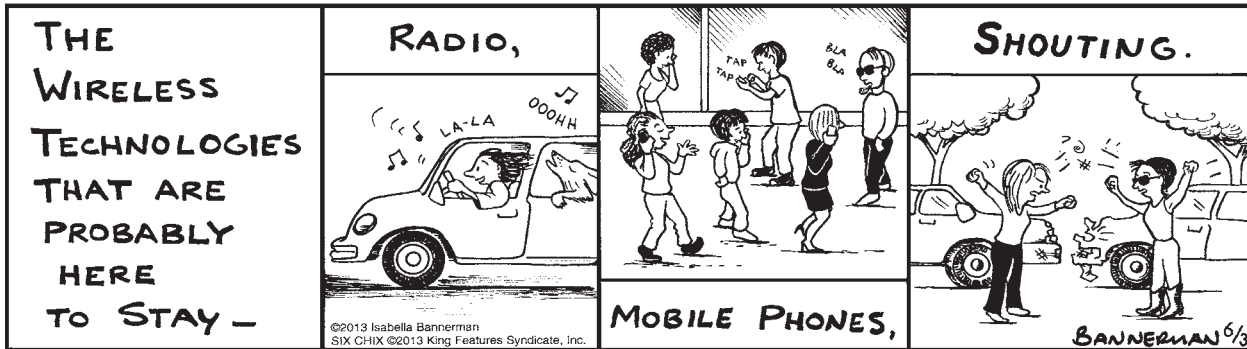
He added, however, that he had been "prepared to carry on through privatization." The comments will fuel speculation that the government — the majority shareholder — wanted a new face before taking the sale forward.

Hester's "leaving package" is expected to be about 5.6 million pounds (\$8.7 million). □

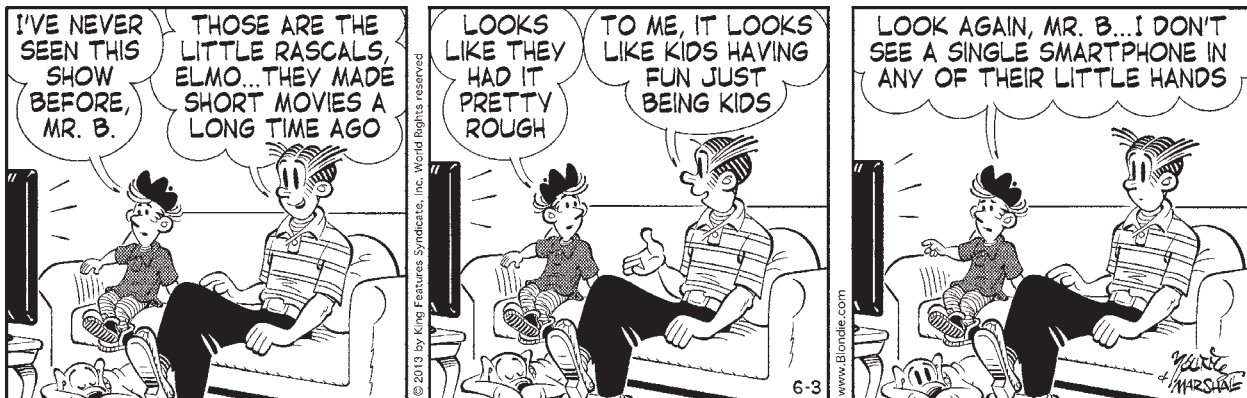
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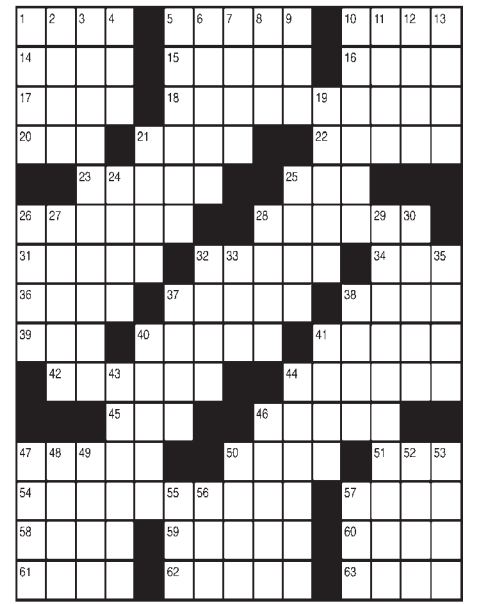
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- Without allies
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- Harness strap
- Defenseless; open to attack
- Koch & Asner
- Bouquet holder
- Follows orders
- Part of the leg
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- Adhere; cling
- Cowboy competitions
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- Exposed; nude
- Shipshape
- Suffer defeat

DOWN

- Exposed; nude



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Stoda Column: New England Patriots: Tebow's best last shot

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. --

Here's hoping Tim Tebow makes it with New England. Here's hoping he's everything the Patriots want him to be, whatever that is. It can be quarterback, full-back, tight end, a special teamer or something else that genius coach Bill Belichick might have in mind.

Here's hoping he finds the happiness and contentment -- and is a little quiet too much to ask? -- he never found during two years in Denver with the Broncos or during one year in New York with the Jets.

Yep, that's a completely different song than the one written in this space a month-and-a-half ago after the Jets released Tebow, which included these lyrics: "... here's hoping (Tebow) gets on with a life beyond, and much more important than, football.

"... here's hoping he doesn't scrounge around for a job in some Canadian Football League outpost or as an Arena League curiosity.

"... here's hoping Tebow is ready to do the global missionary work to which he long has dedicated himself. Better that he undertakes goodwill efforts ... rather than continue pursuit of a fading dream."

Oops, get me re-write.

And let's just forget about the expressed opinion that Tebow's options in the NFL were closer to slim than none.

Because the Patriots have signed him as a free agent, and New England, upon further review, is probably the best (only?) place for The Tebow Project to continue. Tebow doesn't come to New England as an ill-advised pick in the first round of the NFL Draft (see: Denver), and neither does he arrive as a perceived challenger for the starting quarterback job (see: New York) now held by one Thomas Edward Patrick Brady Jr.

Also, ESPN is reporting that Tebow signed for two years with zero money guaranteed. This is a no-risk proposition for the Patriots, in other words.

And don't underestimate the Belichick factor, be-

cause the dictatorial and acerbic coach will do his best to tamp down the standard media circus Tebow creates with his mere presence. The Bruins, for example, are in the Stanley Cup Finals, but it was Tebow, who is devoutly religious, getting full-page cover treatment in Tuesday morning's Boston Herald while striking his famous Tebow-ing pose on bended knee.

It didn't take long for Belich-

What about Tebow-ing?

"I think we've already talked enough about him," Belichick replied. "I think I've covered it. Anything else?"

Belichick's stubbornness and the less-pressurized situation itself might be just the protection Tebow needs to learn whatever he needs to learn to make the New England roster.

And it's a cinch Belichick believes he's good enough

for giving me an opportunity. I'm very thankful. It's such an honor to be a Patriot ... and be part of this great franchise ... it's going to be a lot of fun.

"I'm looking forward to working hard every single day and getting a lot better and learning under some great people. That's all I got. Thank you all so much, and God bless. I'm sure we'll be talking more soon."

But the less talking Tebow does for a while, the better, which likely is the Pats' plan. He has landed in a good place.

Here's hoping he makes the best of it. □



New England Patriots quarterback Tim Tebow, center, tosses the ball as Tom Brady, left, talks with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels during a team football practice in Foxborough, Mass., Tuesday June 11, 2013. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

ick to cut off questions about Tebow at a Tuesday morning media session.

"Anything we do is what we think is in the best interest of the team," Belichick said. "Tim's a talented player who's smart and works hard. We'll see how it goes."

What position will he play?

"We're going to do what we think is best for our football team," Belichick repeated.

Was there consideration given to the distractions Tebow always seems to generate? "None," Belichick said.

Did the fact that New England's offensive coordinator is Josh McDaniels, who was Denver's coach when the Broncos drafted Tebow, have anything to do with the signing?

"I don't know," Belichick said.

to discover the best method of implementing Tebow if the determination is made that he's worth keeping.

Belichick, after all, is the guy who turned receiver Troy Brown into a pretty good defensive back, and used linebacker Mike Vrabel as a touchdown-catching situational tight end.

Maybe, now, Tebow will get an opportunity to take his deepest ever NFL breath -- he's a third-stringer at quarterback behind Brady and Ryan Mallett -- and thereby be better able to concentrate on improving what he needs to improve.

He met the media Tuesday after a mini-camp practice, but took no questions before issuing a statement.

"I'll speak loudly," Tebow said. "Relax, guys. I just want to thank the Patriots

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Cuba girds for climate change by reclaiming coasts

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Associated Press

CAYO COCO, Cuba (AP)—

After Cuban scientists studied the effects of climate change on this island's 3,500 miles (5,630 kilometers) of coastline, their discoveries were so alarming that officials didn't share the results with the public to avoid causing panic.

The scientists projected that rising sea levels would seriously damage 122 Cuban towns or even wipe them off the map. Beaches would be submerged, they found, while freshwater sources would be tainted and croplands rendered infertile. In all, seawater would penetrate up to 1.2 miles (2 kilometers) inland in low-lying areas, as oceans rose nearly three feet (85 centimeters) by 2100.

Climate change may be a matter of political debate on Capitol Hill, but for low-lying Cuba, those frightening calculations have spurred systemic action. Cuba's government has changed course on decades of haphazard coastal development, which threatens sand dunes and mangrove swamps that provide the best natural protection against rising seas.

In recent months, inspectors and demolition crews have begun fanning out across the island with plans to raze thousands of houses, restaurants, hotels and improvised docks in a race to restore much of the coast to something approaching its natural state. "The government ... realized that for an island like Cuba, long and thin, protecting the coasts is a matter of national security," said Jorge Alvarez, director of Cuba's government-run Center for Environmental Control and Inspection.

At the same time, Cuba has had to take into account the needs of families living in endangered homes and a \$2.5 billion-a-year tourism industry that is its No. 1 source of foreign income.

It's a predicament challenging the entire Carib-



In this May 23, 2013 photo, a woman stands in what remains of a destroyed school as she watches a fisherman on the shores of Havana, Cuba.

Associated Press

bean, where resorts and private homes often have popped up in many places without any forethought. Enforcement of planning and environmental laws is also often spotty.

With its coastal towns and cities, the Caribbean is one of the regions most at risk from a changing climate. Hundreds of villages are threatened by rising seas, and more frequent and stronger hurricanes have devastated agriculture in Haiti and elsewhere.

In Cuba, the report predicted sea levels would rise nearly three feet by century's end.

"Different countries are vulnerable depending on a number of factors, the coastline and what coastal development looks like," said Dan Whittle, Cuba program director for the New York-based nonprofit Environmental Defense Fund. He said the Cuban study's numbers seem consistent with other scientists' forecasts for the region. The Associated Press was given exclusive access to the report, but not permitted to keep a copy.

Cuba's preparations were on clear display on a recent morning tour of Guanabo, a popular getaway for Havana residents known for its soft sand and gentle waves 15 miles (25 kilometers) east of the capital.

Where a military barracks



In this May 24, 2013 photo, a girl walks her dog near the remains of a destroyed school on the shores of Havana, Cuba.

Associated Press

had been demolished, a reintroduced sand-stabilizing creeper vine known as beach morning glory is reasserting itself on the dunes, one lavender blossom at a time.

The demolition nearby of a former swimming school was halted due to the lack of planning, with the building's rubble left as it lay. Now inspectors have to figure out how to fix the mess without doing further environmental damage.

Alvarez said the government has learned from such early mistakes and is proceeding more cautiously. Officials also are also considering engineering solutions, and even determining whether it would be better to simply leave some buildings alone.

For three decades Guanabo resident Felix Rodriguez has lived the dream of any traveler to the Caribbean: waking up with waves softly lapping at the sand just

steps away, a salty breeze blowing through the window and seagulls cawing as they glide through the crisp blue sky. Now that paradise may be no more. "The sea has been creeping ever closer," said Rodriguez, a 63-year-old retiree, pointing to the water line steps from his apartment building. "Thirty years ago it was 30 meters (33 yards) farther out."

"We'd all like to live next to the sea, but it's dangerous ... very dangerous," Rodriguez said. "When a hurricane comes, everyone here will just disappear."

Cuban officials agree, and have notified him and 11 other families in the building that they will be relocated, though no date has been set. Rodriguez and several other residents said they didn't mind, given the danger. Since 2000, Cuba has had a coastal protection law on the books that prohibits construction on

top of sand and mandates a 130-foot-wide (40-meter) buffer zone from dunes. Structures that predate the measure have been granted a stay of execution, but are not to be maintained and ultimately will be torn down once they're uninhabitable.

Serious enforcement only began in earnest in recent months, as officials came armed with the risk assessment.

Some 10,000 sanctions and fines have been handed down for illegal development, according to Alvarez. Demolitions have so far been limited to vacation rentals, hotel annexes, social clubs, military installations and other public buildings rather than private homes.

"Less strict measures have been taken with the people," Alvarez said, acknowledging that relocating communities is tough in a country with a critical lack of adequate housing. One flashpoint is the powdery-white-sand resort of Varadero, a two-hour's drive east of the capital, where lucrative hotels attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year from Canada, Europe and Latin America.

Some 900 coastal structures have been contributing to an average of about 4 feet (1.2 meters) of annual coastline erosion, according to geologist Adan Zuniga of Cuba's Center for Coastal Ecosystems Research, a government body. Building solid structures on top of dunes makes them more vulnerable to the waves.

"These are violent processes of erosion," Zuniga said about regional development. "In many places the beaches are receding 16 feet (5 meters) a year."

Varadero symbolizes Cuba's dilemma: Tearing down seaside restaurants, picturesque pools and air-conditioned hotels threatens millions of dollars in yearly tourism revenue, but allowing them to stay puts at risk the very beaches that were the draws in the first place. □

Surveillance reports spark sales of '1984'

NEW YORK (AP) — The country's book-buyers are reading up on being watched.

Sales for dystopian classics such as George Orwell's "1984" and Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" have been strong since news broke last week that the U.S. government had vast surveillance programs targeting phones and Internet records.

Several editions of Orwell's "1984," about an all-seeing government, were among top Amazon.com's top 200 sellers as of Wednesday morning. Huxley's story of a mindless future ranked No. 210 and was out of stock.



This undated file photo shows writer George Orwell, author of "1984." Associated Press

A perennial favorite of futuristic horror, Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451," was ranked No. 75. □

Soap opera actress Maxine Stuart dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Long-time soap opera actress Maxine Stuart has died at age 94. She had regular roles on "The Young and the Restless" and "The Edge of Night."

Her daughter, Chris Ann Maxwell, tells the Los Angeles Times that her mother died of natural causes on June 6 at her Beverly Hills home.

Maxine Stuart began her career in the New York theater. She had small movie roles but was best known for her TV work, which included guest appearances on shows such as "Peyton Place," "NYPD Blue" and "Judging Amy."

She received a 1989 Emmy nomination for her role as a piano teacher in "The Wonder Years." □

'Pitch Perfect,' Kendrick hit high notes on charts



This June 7, 2013 file photo shows actress Anna Kendrick at an appearance at the iHeartRadio Theater in New York.

Associated Press

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — They say it's not over till the fat lady sings — and that means Fat Amy isn't ready to put down her microphone.

The movie "Pitch Perfect," which was released in September and grossed \$65 million domestically, is also a success on the music charts, where the film's soundtrack has peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 and has sold more than 713,961 units so far, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The film stars Rebel Wilson (Fat Amy) and Anna Kendrick (Beca)

as members of the all-girl a cappella group, The Barden Bellas, who are battling other a cappella groups in a national competition. Kendrick's rendition of the folk-pop tune "Cups" is helping push the soundtrack to musical heights: The song has sold one million tracks and currently sits at No. 27 on the Hot 100 chart.

"It's totally surprising," the perky, red-haired 27-year-old said. "I always figured soundtrack sales would be a part of a movie that has so much music in it ... but I had no idea we'd be into summer of the next year

and people would still be talking about the album (and) buying the album."

The gold-selling "Pitch Perfect: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack" was released the week the film hit theaters.

Kendrick, an Oscar-nominated actress, was in New York last week to receive a platinum plaque for "Cups," which is also a viral hit thanks to the cup routine she performed in the film, in the song's music video — which has 17 million views — and others imitating it in their own videos and posts online. "We were like, 'OK, it's a cute song. Let's ask our audience what they think about it.' And it was enormous. It was enormous," said Sharon Dastur, program director for New York City's top station, Z100 (100.3 FM), where the song is on rotation.

"Cups" was originally just 76 seconds long, but Kendrick re-recorded a version that is just over 2 minutes and it appears on a second soundtrack from the film dubbed "More from Pitch Perfect," which was released last week. □

Rare Superman comic book sells for \$175,000

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A rare copy of the comic book featuring Superman's first appearance that went undiscovered for over 70 years in the insulation of a house has sold for \$175,000.

The high bidder for the copy of Action Comics No. 1 in the online auction was a "hard core, golden age comic book collector," Stephen Fishler, CEO of ComicConnect.com, said Tuesday.

The buyer's name was not released.

Fifty-one offers were submitted before bidding

closed Monday night.

But Fishler said the buyer had been looking for a several months for a lower-grade, unrestored copy of the Man of Steel's debut, rather than a copy in better condition that could have cost well over \$1 million.

Fishler estimates there are only around 100 known copies of Action Comics No. 1, which was published in 1938. He said it's prized not only for its rarity, but because Superman was the archetype of all comic book superheroes to come.

This copy was found by David Gonzalez among old newspapers in the ceiling insulation of a house he was restoring in the small western Minnesota town of Hoffman.

He accidentally tore the cover when grabbed it and tossed it aside during an argument a few days later with his wife's aunt, which was part of the reason its condition was graded only 1.5 on a 10-point scale used by comic collectors, but he said in an interview last month that he really didn't care much about the money.



In this file image provided by Metropolis Collectibles/ComicConnect, Corp., shows the front and back cover of "Action Comics No. 1" from 1938, featuring the debut of Superman.

Associated Press

Fishler said the book's backstory was part of why it appealed to the winning bidder.

A pristine Action Comics

No. 1 that was graded a 9 fetched \$2.16 million in November 2011, which was the highest price ever paid for a comic book. □

Jennifer Lopez: 'We're realizing our power'

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jennifer Lopez says Latinos in the United States are starting to realize their power in politics and media, and that makes the timing good for her latest undertaking: Lobbying for greater diversity in TV programming. The entertainer spoke Wednesday at the Cable Show, a communications convention, ahead of new programming set to launch July 18 on the NUVOtv network. Lopez serves as chief creative officer of the English-language Latino channel. "It's an extension of who I am as an artist," she said about her new role in an interview with The Associated Press. "As I grow in this business, I've been in the business close to 20 years now, that creative spark that you have doesn't go away. It keeps growing almost." Lopez said working behind the scenes is just—if not more—rewarding than performing.

"Singing and acting and dancing and performing live, it's always going to be my passion," she said. "But at the end of the day when you're given the opportunities to be more creative, to create things more from the ground up, to really, really do things like NUVO, which is, really for me empowering a community that means so much to me."

She added, "It feels bigger than me. It feels bigger than just a television



This May 22, 2013 file photo shows actress and recording artist Jennifer Lopez at a news conference announcing Viva Movil by Jennifer Lopez in Las Vegas. Associated Press

show. It's something that can change the world, the face of television, the way people feel about themselves, how they're inspired, what they aspire to do and to be."

The actress-singer-dancer said these are exciting times across the board for Latinos.

"There's a big revolution going on, it's like a media and cultural revolution of Latinos here in the United States," she said. "We're realizing our power. We're

realizing that we matter here. You know, we're not just, you know, the guys working behind the scenes in the kitchens and as a plumber. You know what I mean. We really have influence. We're really growing as a community and we've come into a place where we deserve to be considered and served and catered to and that's an exciting thing for Latinos right now."

Lopez was meeting later Wednesday with the Con-

gressional Hispanic Caucus, the National Council of La Raza and Sens. Harry Reid and Bob Menendez. She said businesses are getting on board too because of the tremendous buying power of Latinos, which is why she is also the creative chief officer of the Viva Movil brand for Verizon. The entertainer is opening a chain of 15 cell phone stores with bilingual staffers starting this month to cater to the Hispanic market.

While Lopez, 43, continues to undertake creative ventures, she said she will never stop performing.

"It's a new day when it comes to women. Where before, whatever, 20 years ago, you were written off by the time you were 25, oh she's 28, she's so old. We're realizing, the world is realizing that women are not even coming into their own until they're in their 40s, that they have so much to offer. That you can stay in shape, that your life is not over once you have kids and it becomes only about your kids, that to be a great mother, or great parent or great woman in this world you have to be a great individual first, you know what I mean, and that's very empowering and we're all realizing this." Lopez said many major actresses in Hollywood right now are in their 40s and in the prime of the careers including Jennifer Aniston, Sandra Bullock, Julia Roberts and Halle Berry.

"It's a new day for women, it's a new day for Latinos, it's a new day," she said. □

ESPN to kill 3-D broadcasts by end of year

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — ESPN will stop broadcasting in 3-D by the end of the year, the network said Wednesday, dealing a major blow to a technology that was launched with great fanfare but has been limping along for years.

The sports network said there were too few viewers to make 3-D broadcasts worth it. It didn't say exactly how many viewers

had, but the number was "extremely limited and not growing."

Last year, only 2 percent of TVs in the U.S. were able to show 3-D programming, according to the most recent data from research firm IHS Screen Digest.

ESPN 3D launched in 2010 as one of nine 3-D channels that followed on the release of James Cameron's "Avatar." TV makers rushed to introduce 3-D sets as well. ESPN said then

that it expected a "3-D tsunami" in the industry.

But few consumers proved willing to pay the extra \$200 or so for a 3-D-capable set. The sets also required viewers to wear glasses, and many people felt the 3-D effect didn't add that much to the viewing experience.

Optometrists say as many as one in four viewers have problems watching 3-D movies and TV, either because the tech-

nology causes tiresome eyestrain or because they have problems perceiving depth.

TV makers have turned their focus to increasing the resolution of their sets to the "Ultra HDTV" level and getting broadcasters to take advantage of that. ESPN said it would be ready to provide the broadcasts again "if or when 3D does take off."

ESPN is owned by The Walt Disney Co. □

Your Smartphone Is Watching You



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On Thursday, just after reports broke that the National Security Agency had been helping itself to data from just about every major U.S. Internet company, an enterprising Twitter user set up an account called "Nothing to Hide," which reproduced tweets from people expressing blithe unconcern about their government's potential access to their emails, phone records, video chats, you name it.

"If it can save people from another 9/11 like attack, go for it," one declared. "My emails/phone calls are not that exciting anyway ..."

Another tweeted: "...this sort of thing was bound to happen. We live in the information age. Besides, I have nothing to hide."

And another: "If you share your whole life on social media who cares if the government takes a peek?!"

These citizens have a somewhat shaky grasp of how civil liberties are supposed to work. But they understand the essential nature of life on the Internet pretty well. The motto "nothing to hide, nothing to fear" - or, alternatively, "abandon all privacy, ye who enter here" - might as well be stamped on every smartphone and emblazoned on every social media login page. As the security expert Bruce Schneier wrote recently, it isn't that the Internet has been penetrated by the surveillance state; it's that the Internet, in effect, is a surveillance state.

Anxiety over this possibility has been laced into online experience since the beginning. (Witness Clinton-era netsploitation movies like "Enemy of the State.") But in the early days of the dot-com era, what people found most striking about online life was how anonymous it seemed - all those chat rooms and comment sections, aliases and handles and screen names. A famous New Yorker cartoon depicted two canines contemplating a computer, as one promised the other, "On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

This ideal of anonymity still persists in some Internet communities. But in many ways, the online world has turned out to be less private than the realm of flesh and blood. In part, that's because most Internet users don't want to cloak themselves in pseudonyms. Instead, they communicate in online spaces roughly the way they would in a room full of their closest friends, and use texts and emails the way they would once have used

a letter or a phone call. Which means, inevitably, that they are much more exposed - to strangers and enemies, ex-lovers and ex-friends - than they would have been before their social lives migrated online.

It is at least possible to participate in online culture while limiting this horizontal, peer-to-peer exposure. But it is practically impossible to protect your privacy vertically - from the service providers and social media networks and now security agencies that have access to your every click and text and email. Even the powerful can't cover their tracks, as David Petraeus discovered. In the surveillance state, everybody knows you're a dog.

And every looming technological breakthrough, from Google Glass to driverless cars, promises to make our every move and download a little easier to track. Already, Silicon Valley big shots tend to talk about privacy in roughly the same paternalist language favored by government spokesmen. "If you have something that you don't want anyone to know," Google's Eric Schmidt told an interviewer in 2009, "maybe you shouldn't be doing it in the first place."

The problem is that we have only one major point of reference when we debate what these trends might mean: the 20th-century totalitarian police state, whose every intrusion on privacy was in the service of tyrannical one-party rule. That model is useful for teasing out how authoritarian regimes will try to harness the Internet's surveillance capabilities, but America isn't about to turn into East Germany with Facebook pages.

For us, the age of surveillance is more likely to drift toward what Alexis de Tocqueville described as "soft despotism" or what the Forbes columnist James Poulos has dubbed "the pink police state." Our government will enjoy extraordinary, potentially tyrannical powers, but most citizens will be monitored without feeling persecuted or coerced.

So instead of a climate of pervasive fear, there will be a chilling effect at the margins of political discourse, mostly affecting groups and opinions considered disreputable already. Instead of a top-down program of political repression, there will be a more haphazard pattern of politically motivated, Big Data-enabled abuses. (Think of the recent IRS scandals, but with damaging personal information being leaked instead of donor lists.)

In this atmosphere, radicalism and protest will seem riskier, paranoia will be more reasonable, and conspiracy theories will proliferate. But because genuinely dangerous people will often be pre-empted or more swiftly caught, the privacy-for-security swap will seem like a reasonable trade-off to many Americans - especially when there is no obvious alternative short of disconnecting from the Internet entirely.

Welcome to the future. □



How To Monetize Plagiarism



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This is a column about Jonah Lehrer, the 31-year-old disgraced former New Yorker writer who recently - sigh - landed a contract for a book about love. (Yes, love.) But I want to start by recalling another disgraced former magazine writer: Stephen Glass. Glass was once a Washington wunderkind, who wrote remarkable articles filled with fabulous scenes and quotes. It turned out, of course, that many of the scenes and quotes were figments of Glass' imagination and that 42 of his articles, spanning 2 1/2 years, were either partially or entirely fabricated.

The New Republic, his primary employer, fired him. Other magazines that had published his work announced investigations. And, to complete his humiliation, a movie was made about how Glass' fabrications had been exposed by The New Republic's editor at the time, Charles Lane. In the decade and a half since he was quite properly drummed out of journalism, Glass has led an exemplary life. After his disgrace, he vowed to live honorably and honestly, and he has. He underwent years of psychotherapy to come to terms with what he did. He asked for forgiveness from those whom he had betrayed. And, in 2004, he went to work as a paralegal for a lawyer in Los Angeles who often represents the homeless. For years, Glass

has been trying to get admitted to the California bar, but the bar association has been fighting him, saying that he lacks the appropriate character to be a lawyer. Yet I can't think of anyone more deserving of a second chance than Stephen Glass.

And I can't think of anyone less deserving of one than Jonah Lehrer.

It hasn't even been a year since the first of Lehrer's journalistic sins was uncovered: He was routinely recycling previous work for a pop science blog he had begun at The New Yorker. (His work seems consciously modeled on Malcolm Gladwell's.) Then, Michael Moynihan, writing in The Tablet magazine, dropped a bombshell: In his best-selling book, "Imagine: How Creativity Works," Lehrer had made up quotes attributed to Bob Dylan. Moynihan followed up with examples of good old-fashioned plagiarism in an earlier Lehrer book. Several people who had been quoted by Lehrer said that they had never uttered the words he attributed to them. Inevitably, The New Yorker and Wired, where Lehrer also wrote, cut their ties with him. At which point Lehrer was left to ... well, what exactly?

He certainly didn't spend his time atoning. After he was exposed, he issued a statement saying that "the lies are over now" and that he was sorry for what he had done. Then he went dark. I tried to reach him several times; I was intensely interested in why someone with his talent and future would risk it all by doing things that could so easily be found out. He never responded.

Then, in February, he popped up at the Knight Foundation - "the nation's leading journalism funder" - where he gave a speech titled "My Apology." (Knight paid him \$20,000, for which it later had to apologize itself.) The speech was anything but an apology. Rather, it was

structured like one of his typical mini-Malcolm articles, with discursions into a big forensic mistake made by the FBI, the research of a cognitive neuroscientist and the work of a behavior economist. His central point was that for whatever reason, he couldn't trust himself to do the right thing, so he needed a structure - a "standard operating procedure" - that would force him to do the right thing. As apologies go, it was both arrogant and pathetic.

Now comes his book on love, which was revealed earlier this week by Julie Bosman of The New York Times, who got ahold of his 65-page proposal. It is more of the same. Although the first seven paragraphs are about "my fall," ("I have been found out. I puke into a recycling bin. And then I start to cry."), the book is no memoir. Like his previous books, it is intended to be a work of pop science, an exploration into why and how we love. His chapter outline includes catchy phrases intended to move product. His attempts at literary sincerity come across as deeply phony. There is not much doubt about what is really going on here: Instead of atoning for the disgrace he brought on himself, Lehrer is trying to monetize it. Although I was unable to speak to Lehrer, I did reach his editor at Simon & Schuster, Jonathan Karp, whom I've known and respected for years.

"He knows he can't screw up again," Karp told me. "I'm not defending what he did, but I think we ought to have a little compassion here. He's not a journalist. He's a writer, and an unusually talented one. Everyone deserves a second chance."

Actually, they don't. People who make a big mistake and want a second chance need to earn it. That's the difference between Stephen Glass and Jonah Lehrer. □

Skin Deep: Manly Manicures End In Color

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A couple of weekends a month, Tom McMahon, 44, a federal government budget analyst who lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., joins his wife for a special indulgence, squeezed in around brunch and his regular Sunday touch rugby games: simultaneous pedicures, complete with nail polish as the finishing touch. McMahon, who is 6-foot-4 and weighs 270 pounds, typically chooses a decidedly bold color for his toes, often either China Glaze's Gaga for Green, a hue that brings Kermit the Frog to mind, or Gargantuan Green Grape, a pastel by OPI that suggests pistachio ice cream. "I stay within a range of colors," McMahon said. "I like the greens and oranges. I stay away from the blacks - it looks medicinal when you do that. I choose the colors by the title of the actual color."

"For me, it started off as being fun and kitschy," he added. "I'm very comfortable wearing it."

Of course, even a brightly hued pedicure is, in a sense, discreet, since it's covered up by shoes at the office. "It's kind of my secret thing when I go to work," McMahon said, pointing out that his five tattoos are also

concealed during business hours. "I'm highly doubtful that they know I paint my toenails."

McMahon is one of many men these days who wear nail polish on their fingers or toes, in statement shades or in quieter transparent ones. At Townhouse Spa in New York, more than 80 percent of male nail clients opt for polish, said the spa's owner, Jamie Ahn, from a simple matte topcoat to a more pronounced color, usually on the feet. Over half the men's treatments in the Essie nail area at the Samuel Shriqui Salon are finished with nail polish, usually clear, Shriqui said. Similarly, about half the men who come into the three locations of Jin Soon Hand and Foot Spa, often with their wives or girlfriends, choose polish, typically clear, occasionally a single coat of sheer pale pink on their fingers and, frequently, a dark shade of navy blue or gray on their toes.

"Guys getting a colored or clear polish is sort of a natural progression from going to get a manicure or pedicure," said Will Welch, a senior editor at GQ. "The change is guys being like, 'Some of these things that are traditionally for women only are actually OK for me now, and I'm not self-



Restaurateur Ravi DeRossi in front of his office in Manhattan, June 7, 2013. Black nail polish is something of a trademark for DeRossi, who owns and operates several bars in New York.

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conscious about it.' Once that door's open, the idea of clear or colored polish is sort of in the room."

Perhaps it's no surprise, then, that a handful of nail lacquers aimed specifically at men have emerged. EvolutionMan, a Los Angeles-based collection of men's skin-care products, offers a selection of polishes (\$14 apiece), both in two clear versions and in colors like a matte deep plum. When 11 of the brand's products were featured on the flash sale website HauteLook in March,

its clear Pure Matte polish was one of several items that sold out. AlphaNail, another men's line, comes in a chunky marker-like pen (now on sale for \$9.95) that is perhaps more comfortable for larger hands to manipulate than the traditional tiny bottle with a delicate brush tucked inside the cap. Some popular women's brands also offer polishes specifically for men. The Essie line, for example, includes Man-e-cure, a semi-shiny clear polish that, although transparent when applied, is the color of a margarita inside its black-capped bottle.

Orly has had sales increase by 20 percent in the last year for Nails for Males, a similar item that leaves a much flatter but still noticeable finish, said Carina Breda, the company's senior vice president for marketing. Orly is developing a wider men's line. "The whole nail category has had an explosive growth over the last couple years," Breda said. "Men are more interested in that category as well. There is more perception and awareness in terms of nails."

Perhaps we have some of women's wilder forays into art for their fingertips to thank for this.

"Women have taken it to the limit," said Essie Weingarten, the founder and global creative director of the brand bearing her first name. "If you were a corporate attorney or executive, you had to wear sheers. Nonetheless, many men stress that statement polishes on fingernails are accepted only in certain environments."

Ravi DeRossi, 39, who owns and operates several New York bars, including Gin Palace and the Bourgeois Pig, is comfortable wearing black nail polish on his fingernails to work every day, and night. "I don't think about it that much, but people might think of it as one of my trademarks," he said. "Everybody's been, like, 'That's kind of cool.'" Outside of his establishments, however, he does sometimes get an unwelcome reaction. As he put it, "When I am at the bank, I probably do get some weird looks that maybe make people think, 'Do we really want to give this guy money?'"

For men who opt to wear quieter polish, the feedback is often more encouraging. "Patients notice it and it's always been positive feedback," said Dr. Eric Scardina, 48, an internist in private practice in New York who wears a clear topcoat regularly. □



A variety of men's nail polish colors, June 7, 2013. As manly manicures are becoming more popular, companies like Essie and Orly, traditionally women's brands, are creating lines of nail polish specifically for men.

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